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EGMORE,
4th November 1933.

P. MACQUEEN,
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(VOLUME No. 8.)

No. 1

To the Honble. Thoms. Pitt, Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. East India Compa. and
Governr. of Fort St. George and St.
David &cta. Councill.

Fort St. David
Decembr. 22d. 1702.

Honble. Sr. &cta.

By the Vincatas Parrs wee have reced. yours of the 7th. and 15th. Instant which came to our hands the 19th. Ditto by the former of which you were pleased to advise you had sent hither 30 washrs. and two Chiefly to wash the goods brought in by your Merchts. particularly three Thousand peices of long cloth which you direct a Third part blue a third part white and a third part brown but as yett neither the washers nor Cloth is come in as soon as it does wee shall follow your honour &ctas. Direction what cloth wee have of your merchants here wee have taken care to gett ready washed a List of which comes here Inclosed. Reced. ꝑ mo. Janry. 170 2/3 ꝑ Pattamars.

We shall not be wanting to show all the Countenance and Assistance wee can to Conicoply Popia and also to the Washers when they come which wee earnestly request you will forward to us for we are in great want of them.

Wee shall use our utmost deligence to send you a good quantity of bales for the Janry. shipping and hope shan't fall short of the number wee formerly advised and the merchants have contracted to deliver, But except youll please to send us money hither itt will be Impossible for them to comply therewith, persuant to your honour &ctas. orders wee sent for Pola Chittee Coolapa Chittee and Quorundapa Chittee and desired them to supply us with what money they could offering them our bills upon your honour &[cta.] but they answered they had no money of Sunca Rama in their hands nor from themselves was able to suply us with any our Merchants have now brought in near the amount of 60000 Pags. in goods which has obliged us to give our bill on your honour &cta. for 10000 Pags. payable to Chola Chittee the order of our merchants of yesterdays date which we request youll please to give due honour too, though they say 'tis a very great hinderance to receive so much of their money by bills and if they could be supplied according to your honour &cta. directions with 20000 Pags. before hand they would yett undertake to Compleat this Investment by the middle of ffebruary butt without ready money they can't comply with what they have contracted for.

Wee are thankfull for your honour &cta. Complyance with our last bills the one for 5000 Pags. payable to Chola Chittee and the other for Pagodas Two hundred & seventy five payable to Jno. Domingo.

We have received our screws by this vessel which wee shall as speedily as possible gett fitted up.

Wee are sory to hear Dowd Cawn still continues so near a neighbour tis reported here he is going against some Polligars in order to gett some money from them, Wee are in the best readiness wee can be here if he should come this way.

What bales wee have in a readiness wee request your honour &c^{ta}. permission to send them upon the President for she is a very strong good ship and has a carefull experienced master and wee beleive as good a Conveyance as any procureable here. We are

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{TA}.
Your Most Humble Servants

GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

N°. 2

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}.
HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND S^{T}.
DAVID &c^{TA}. COUNCILL.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
JAN^{RY}. 2^{D}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

S^{RS}.

Reced. 7th. Jan^{ry}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$ ℘ Patamars.

Your Honour &c^{tas}. of the 24th. past we reced^{d}. the 29th. and according to your direction the overplus p^{d}. the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{r}. &c^{ta}. in Commission for the China Voyage shall be paid into y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{as}. Cash here.

We are thankfull for the creditt you have given our two bills the one for 5000 Pag^{s}. and the other for Pag^{s}. 10000 payable to Chola Chittee acco^{tt}. our Merchants and pray your honour &c^{ta}. will please to beleive it is nott a seeming but a reall necessity wee lye under for money or otherwise should not have drawn bills to such an amount without first receiving your honour &c^{ta}. permission and upon Perusall of the List of goods our merchants have brought in youll find to be true and your desires complyed with in reducing the arrears of the Merchants for itt amounts to Pagodas 70000 It is now their turns to request youll please to Reduce the Companys Arrears to them or otherwise it will be Impossible for them to Comply with such a number of bales for the Feb^{ry}. shipping as you expect and in every Letter press us to provide our utmost deligence shall nott be wanting if that would procure them but without money must dispair of success therefore hope you won't faile to send us some by the first Conveyance for our merchants are at a stand and cannot bring in any more Cloth Except they recall what they have in the weavers hands and break up their Loomes wch. will be very difficult and take up a Long time to resettle again. If any ship of the Companys arrive here wee shall Load what bales wee have in a readiness upon her.

Conicoply Paupia has brought in [six]teen hundred of brown Cloth One Thousand one hundred peices of which is gone to the Dyers and the rest to the washers and when any more comes shall follow your honour &c[tas]. orders in sorting itt one Third blew and the same quantity for white and brown the 30 washers arrived here this morning.

Hussan Cawn came yesterday into our bounds with his own and Jumpseer Cawns family about 200 in number wee shall have a Carefull watch over him butt beleive he designes no harm by his bringing in so many women and Children with him and in all his former actions he has proved a freind to the English.

By a Letter we last night received from our Egipt Conapa who is at present with Gungaram Governour of Waldore wee are advised y[e]. news there was that Sulfakeer Cawns Brother In Law is made Generall of the Cornatta Country and is comeing down with 5000 horse and that Dowed Cawn has recc[d]. a positive order commanding him up to Court it's also reported that a great number of Moratta Horse are Comeing down to Gingee we have no more to add but subscribe.

HON[BLE]. S[RS]. &C[TA].
Your most Humble Servants

GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
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JOHN BERLU.

N[o]. 3

TO THE HON[BLE]. THOMAS PITT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R[T].
HON[BLE]. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP[A].
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE
&C[TA]. COUNCILL.

VIZAGAPATAM 30TH. DECEM[BR]. 1702.

HON[BLE]. &C[TA].

Wee come now to acknowledge the honour of yours of the 21st. Ult[mo]. Accompanying the Bengall Pacquett which wee Immediately dispeded by two of our nimble sillibdars so doubt not of its haveing a quick passage to the Agent &c[ta]. of Bengall. Reced. 12th. Janry. 170 2/3 ℔ Boat.

Wee still observe the directions relateing to Y[e]. French wee now Inclose a Copy of their Phirmaund he brought with him which we obtained from the Waranees and shall still notwithstanding frustrate their Expectation.

M[r]. Holcombe has paid into the R[t]. Hon[ble]. Comp[a]. Cash 2000[R] for which wee have drawn a Bill on your Honour &c[ta]. payable to Governour Pitt which wee desire you to give due honour to and affairs being as when wrote you last wee have nothing more to add but to wish your honour &c[ta]. a merry new year so subscribe,

HON[BLE]. &C[TA].
Your Most Humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THOMAS STABLES.
ROBERT CRANWELL.

No. 4

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
& Govr. of Fort St. George &cta.
Councill.

Vizagapatam pmo. Janry. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

Honble. &cta.

Reced. 12th. Janry. 170$\frac{2}{3}$ ₱ Boat.

Since writing the forgoing and dispatch of the Phœnix we have been honourd with yours of the 7th. adviseing your Payment of our Bill of Exchange which wee shall pass to your account in Conformity as to our Investment this year had wee money you should have received goods but wee advised you in our last how affairs were here and our Merchants of the[ir] Debt have since brought in some gunnies wax &cta. for the necessary Expences of the Factory if your Honour &cta. send us money as wee desired you shall yn. have long cloth and sallampores for the September ship as wee promised.

Wee strangely admire at the want you mention of the Beteelas there being that care and Circumspection used here Mr. Morton saw every peice told into the bales besides whom there was the Compa. and merchts. Braminees that took the account and haveing so few goods left wee took acct. of the remains of the Godown and adjusted acct. with the merchants and all which came right so that wee desire your honour &cta. to make some due Inspection and Inquiry into it with you.

President Beard &cta. desireing us to be very kind to the silk weavers on the Phœnix and to assist them with what they might have occasion and they requesting 20 Rupees wee lent them it as ₱ their Inclosed obligation which wee desire you to receive and Creditt our account for wee again wish your honour &cta. a mery new year and Remain.

Honble. &cta.
Your Most Humble Servants

Simon Holcombe.
Thomas Stables.
Robert Cranwell.

No. 5

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
& Govr. of Fort St. George &cta.
Councill.

Metchlepatam 3d. January 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

Honble. Sr. &cta.

Reced. 13th. Janry. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

Wee received both yours ye. 21st. Novembr. the 3d. December with a Pacquett for Vizagapatam which wee imediately forwarded and yours of the 15th. Decembr. the 30th. wherein wee observe your orders relateing to what goods wee shall pack up for the Bengall ship which shall be punctually observed and shall now give your honour &cta. a full answer to what wee omitted in our last in answer to yours of the 6th. November.

We shall take care that the Merchts. bring in their full quantity of Chay goods due upon last Contract before wee meddle with their white goods.

As wee advised your honour &cta. in our last yt. the Oringall goods are cleared and arrived safe but the merchants are suspitious they shall come into Trouble upon their servants giving an obligation to the Phousdar there that if they did nott bring Copy of the Compa. Phirmaund to pay custome for said goods therefore do desire your honour &cta. to send us the Phirmaund relateing to the priviledges of this place by the first Opportunity.

As to the Dustore which is due from the Madapollam Merchants in Mr. Lovell and Woolston time that by your honour &cta. Letter dated the 27th. August 1701 in answer to ours of the 9th. wee did all conclude that you would call Mr. Woolston to account for the Dustore and that wee should nott stop itt from our merchants and if it is a mistake in us wee shall endeavour to recover it of them when wee have an oppertunity therefore hope your honr. &cta. will nott Charge itt to our accounts.

Wee have accquainted the Madapollam Merchts. that your honour &cta. cannott Imbrace the offer made by them unless they will abate 20 ꝑ Cent upon the last Contract to which wee have nott as yett received any answer.

On the 5th. past Mahomud Suffore made an agreement to supply us with the quantity of Timbers wee want for the Rt. Honble. Company and took earnest upon which wee sent Mr. Hastings to Madapollam to receive them butt he has putt us off under pretence of other buissiness of his masters till the 30th. before he sent orders for the delivery of them at Maddapollam which makes itt uncertain whither wee shall have them here ready for the Europe ship.

Since writeing the foregoeing on the 3d. Inst. at night the ship Phœnix arrived here from Bengall and In her way touched at Vizagapatam where she staid but 24 hours haveing nott a bale of goods from them wee do hope to dispatch her in Eight or Ten days at furthest with one hundred bales att least but can't promise your honour &cta. any more by reason that you positively order us nott to take in any more white goods then what mentioned in your former orders.

The Colchester has gott a freight for Persia and the Wentworth and John and Mary will be disptched home next month and also the Degrave belonging to the new Company.

Wee should have sent your honour &cta. our Generall Bookes some months agoe but that wee cod. nott gett any Paper to Copy them which wee advised you off but haveing since procured some shall send them by the ship We are.

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Your Honours Most Obedient
Humble Servants

STEPHEN FREWEN.
THOMAS FAUCETT.
JEREMIAH HARRISON.
RICHARD HARRISON.

P.S.
We have now embaled and ready to send on Board 64 Bales.

N°. 6

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CTA.
COUNCILL.

FORT WILLIAM IN BENGALL
YE. 15TH. DAY OF DECEMBER 1702.

SRS.

Recd. 15th. Janry. 170⅔ ℘ ship Phœnix.

Wee have before us to answer yours of ye. 3d. and 21st. of August and 22d. September. We return many thanks for the news Imparted to us.

Wee are glad the silk wormes thrive so well by ship Phœnix wee send ten Necands or silk winders have maintained them ever since October and given Impress untill the last of Febry. Captain Carswell promisses to entertain them kindly as to their Casts that no offence be given them therein we have wrote to Mr. Holcombe &cta. at Vizagapatam to be kind to them also and if willing to travell from thence Overland rather then to Continue on board ship that he would send Peons with them for Madras.

We have taken the Lead out of ship Sarum and weighed the same qt. 839 md. 24 sr. and pigs 194 and have put on board so much Iron as the Captn. gave under his hand he should have occasion for to Kintilage the ship to make her sayleable from the West coast with pepper for Madrass wee dispatched her the 8th. Instant which was as soon as the Captain would gett ready herewith comes Copy of her Invoice amounting unto Twenty one Thousand one Hundred sixty and Eight Rupees Eight annas seven pice.

The John and Mary arriving with a Ladeing of pepper from York Fort wee have ordered the same on shoare and weighed itt qt. 4113 md. 1¼ srs. for which have Creditted your Presidency wee were obliged to open the Pacquett for the ships Charterparty besides to have a little advice from thence before the dispatch of the Sarum was not unessessary which we hope will meet with your Approbation.

Wee have paid Mr. Boddam one hundred fifty and seven Ryalls of 8/8 which please to Creditt this Presidency for and honoured the Bill of Exchange although drawn on your honour &cta. that the Compas. settlements may nott want creditt another time.

Since you complain so reasonably of the heavy Tonnage on your hands wee have undertaken to Lade the John and Mary directly for England the first ship, she hath on board about two hundred and fifty bales and Chests and beleive she will not be able to take in so many more however this will run us in debt again and if youll please to send fifty or sixty thousand Rupees or Twenty Thousand new Pagodas with the moors stamp which pass for three Rupees Eight annas here wee shall think ourselves much obliged and hope youll be able to do itt suddainly after the arrivall of the Chambers and Fleet Friggott from China.

By the Hampshire wee sent Three hundred Baggs of Salt Petre more then her Kintiledge and by the Phœnix one Thousand and by last years shipping fifteen hundred baggs which was more then the Loyall Cooke wanted for Kintilage by five hundred so that wee account wee have sent Eighteen hundred baggs for stores and would have sent more but that 'tis so difficult to procure and Indeed considering the Company hath twelve Thousand maunds of Petre in Pattana 'tis nott a time to send more then what you have an absolute occasion for and wee beleive from what you advise you will nott bee able to send home above one ship more then the Phœnix this season and wee hope to have the Rt. Honble. Compa. Petre from Pattana next August, The Genll. and Councill from Suratt adviseing that

the English Duch [*sic*] and French with the Governour &c^{ta}. Officers att Suratt had agreed to represent the case of that Port to the Mogull by their Vacquells at Court that with an Expence they doubted nott to gett an order for our trade to go on as formerly.

We are advised that the new Company have sent a ship of one hundred and fifty Tons burthen directly for Java to Lade with Sugarrs for England if that will turn to account at home you can't want Lintilage should wee bee so unhappy as nott to supply you from hence 'tis nott to be imagined how much trouble there hath been to provide Petre this year and the merch^{ts}. playing the Rogue have sold it and taken earnest from two or three People which occasioned disputes between the Dutch and ourselves and between them and the new Companys People we gained the Point but tis reported if new people will be bafled and a small Ketch anchors still before their Factory (bound for Metchlepatam) for 1000 baggs.

Copy of the account you Inclosed between Cap^{n}. Lambert and M^{r}. Bruce wee sent ℘ ship Monsoon for Gombroone and wrote to the Agent and Councill as directed we shall send the Originall by Capt^{tn}. Mathews who will depart hence in the London within few days.

Wee are very glad you have overcome y^{e}. point with the Government and not suffered them to raise Customs on the Companys goods for it would intale a charge for the future you have a very right notion the carrying on a trade underhand may prove very prejudiciall to the nation in generall and our masters in perticular but what can wee do in that case if the Dutch French and New English send home their masters shipping ours must not lye by the walls however wee have nott bespoke any Dhacca goods and but one hundred bales of floretta yarn and Tanna silk because those goods must come in by Rewanna which will advance the kings Customes considerably and the Duan finding it out what Interest will he have to write to the King to clear our buissiness nor will the Phousdars or other officers who being fedd with money represent the thing to the Prince so that whilst the Government finds the Europeans will carry on their buisseness [*sic*] at any rate wee have butt little prospect of times being mended wth.out by some accident it be done by these Gentlemen at Surat for that Port may suffer more the other of the Mogulls dominions without the Europeans in Generall would leave of trade one year or the English in perticular and make a bustle to gain their Old Priviledges again which are almost lost the English in hughly are very near in as bad a Condition as those in Suratt there are severall Imprisoned barbarously used Chaubuct and what not they address to the Consull without release Indeed many of them deserved punishment but it ought to be given by the English Government the New Companys Covenant Serv^{ts}. have been ill used and detained severall days in prison when S^{r}. Edward Littleton &c^{ta}. have laid the faults altogether upon those who complained against them.

Most of the goods wee provide this year are made at the Aurungs between Santapoore and Ballasore the Jemmedars permitt them to be made in their Country for the good of their Tenants when they are laden on Boats, wee send soldiers and sloops to clear the Chowkeys so that goods comes in with the Companys Dusticks every day.

Wee had not notice of the Colchesters arrivall in Ballasore road untill y^{e}. 12th. ultimo and she did not gett into the river untill seven or eight days afterwards the beginning of the month wee ordered Petre on board the Phœnix and desired Cap^{tn}. Carswell to be in a readiness to sayle by the 5th. Instant for by that time wee resolved to dispatch him and the Pilot was appointed to be on board but his Coopers being sick or one excuse or another that he made that he left not this place untill the 14th. in the morning yett if the bales be ready on the Coast wee doubt not but she may have an early dispatch for England wee always take care to give the ships Timely Dispatches from hence and oftentimes leaves provisions behind them but the King William dispatcht early and the Martha late sayled about the same time from Fort S^{t}. George so that we desire youll please to order the subordinations to the Northward to gett their bales in a readiness & if not that the blame may be laid where it ought to be.

We have put ship Colchester up for a Bussera and Persia freight and expect a great many bales by ye. beginning of next month hope shell be clear of the new deeps by the Latter end and return to you in good season wee shall desire the Agent and Councill in Persia to send those horses wines &cta. you wrote for wee hope by these means the Company will have none of their ships Eating Demorage without Employment for when the Chambers Friggot arrives wee doubt nott butt you may be able to send her quickly for England considering That the unfortunate loss of ship Norris with so great a stock hath given you the opportunity to have the Coast Trade with our Competitors so that goods may be both plentifull and Cheap.

The steward hath put on board the Phœnix forty Geese and Forty Goats with provisions for the Voyage.

The Necauds are to have their wages at Fort St. George (Vizt.) Nine at five Rupees and the Jurdarr seven Rups. ℔ month.

Wee have sent samples of the Gold to Rajamaull to be assayed when have answer from thence shall pay it away to the merchants and advise you at what rate if you send us Pagodas please to remember the Shawgehaune Pags. are valuable 4 ans. each more then those with Images.

The Colchester arrived so late that wee could not have returned the Lead on the Phœnix had wee designed but wee shall creditt your Presidency for the same beleiving wee may putt it of for goods at three Rupees Eight Annas or three Rupees ten annas ℔ maund Factory.

Herewith comes Captn. Carswells bill of Ladeing and Invoice of goods putt on board the ship amounting unto Rs. 27032. ans. 15. ps. 2 which wee hope will safely arrive. Wee have ordrd. Captn. Carswell to touch at Vizagapatam although you gave no direction therein.

Salt Petre is risen to six Rupees ℔ maund in Hughly if wee can meet with some reasonable at the latter part of the year and can spare a sloop these Troublesome times wee will send five or six hundred baggs.

The Degrave will sayle for England wth.in a short time butt the Tankervile will be kept at Hughly a guard ship.

The Bengall Merchant hath Two thousd. Eight hundred baggs of salt Petre on board her and may sayle in Febry.

Wee hope to dispatch the Wentworth by the latter end of next month.

Wee haveing no answer to what wrote about Mr. Peacheis Effects have disposed of them and brought the Proceed into the Rt. Honble. Companys Cash as usuall when no wills are made by the deceased party.

The Redwood came short in Tale two sticks and in weight md. 15. s. 19.

Severall Chests of Liquor &cta. that came ℔ the Wentworth for the Governr. and Gentlemen of Madrass upon the Captains desire are shipt on board the Phœnix the Mates Receipt for them come herewith wee call not more to mind but that wee are.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

Your Most Humble Servants

P.S.

Your Secretary Omitted sending the Colechesters Charterparty.

J. B.
N. H.
J. W.
J. Russell.

JOHN BEARD.
NATHANIEL HALSEY
JOHNATHAN WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT FROM BENGALL ₱ PHŒNIX.

No. 1. Fort William Generall to Fort St. George dated 15th. Decembr. 1702.
2. Copy of Dittos dated 8th. September 1702.
3. Invoice of ship Phœnix.
4. Bill of Loading of Ditto.
5. Copy of Ship Sarums Invoice to the West Coast.
6. Ship Hampshires second Bill of Ladeing.
7. Account Wages Imprest to the Silk Winders
8. List of Freight Goods on board Phœnix

No. 7

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST.
GEORGE &CTA. COUNCILL.

YORK FORT 6TH. JULY 1702.

MAY ITT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR &CTA.

Our last to your honour &cta. was ₱ Ketch Josiah of the March last which being entered in Copy Book of Letters sent now Remitted to must humbly crave reverence Invoice and Bill of Ladeing of what sent by her is Inclosed also account of what wanted sent ₱ Ditto Ketch. ₱ John and Mary to Bengall and recd. 15th. January 170¾ ₱ Ship Phœnix.

Wee formerly advised our hopes of makeing Coppar Cash to the norward Currant which since is effected wherefore it will be requisitt that a larger quantity be sent then formerly wrot for. 2

On ye. 7th. Aprill last arrived ship John and Mary from England sayling from Plimouth the 4th. Augst. last by whom received 5 Chests of Treasure and some stores being as ₱ her Invoic now sent amounting to £5604 15s. 6d. for wch. shall creditt account Currant Fort St. George her Charter party comes now Inclosed. 3

Considering how late the ship arrived and that wee could not hope to dispatch her for England directly so as to save her passage about the Cape as also that she enters not into demorage till the 7th. Augst. next likewise the great want that generally is of pepper to fill up the homeward bound shipping wee therefore thought it most for the Interest of our Rt. Honble. Masters to Dispatch her directly to your honr. &cta. haveing laden on board her Bahars 620 pepper which [wth.] the mill wee have lately made is very well garbled and questioned not but 'twill come out better than any ever sent from this Coast though there was Indeed a mistake Committed by our guardians in sending off a few baggs that were very foule. 4

This ship brought us out of England ten soldiers five of which dyed in their passage and another almost dead when he came a shoare who deceased four days after. 5

The Rt. Honble. Compa. as your honour will perceive by their Genll. to us by this ship have been plased [*sic*] to take off the customs of a halfe penny the pound on pepper wherein must acknowledge their favour to this settlement. 6

Our going to dyet money the Rt. Honble. Compa. approves nott off therefore at the Begining of last may wee returned to a Genll. Table haveing ordered that they do so likewise att Bantall. 7

Wee have lately held a publick Bitchar with our two neighbouring Rajahs to the northward wherein wee have procured the makeing fanams Currant and large promises of Increasing their pepper plantations particular acct. whereof is Entered in our Diary the Six June last. 8

Wee have already found out severall falce fanams which wee are Informed came from the southwrd. wee are makeing all possible enquired [*sic*] and search to Discover the Author haveing offered the Primum 50 Dollars to any person that shall discover such practices that so the author may be brought to Condigne punishment, 9

10 What pepper now sent by the John & Mary has almost cleared our godowns however this being your season for Gathering in their Cropp hope in a short time to have a considerable quantity.

11 Your honour &c^{ta}. will perceive by a Generall to us from Bantall dated the 2^{d}. Instant the State of affairs there so that wee are assured on all hands that if timely and effectuall care be not taken for prevention troubles will Insue therefore after serious consideration and consulting the best of our Mallay freinds here who on all occasions hitherto have been found very faithfull who are unanimously of the opinion that the Deputy Governour proceed thither and endeavour to settle matters in those parts which wee have resolved on so soon as can be with conveniency after dispatch of this ship.

12 Wee were lately alarmed with the fears of Troubles att Cattawne by Rajah Quassas and a great number of y^{e}. Dagonys designed for that place wee therefore Imediately dispatch a Baggess Ensigne with Ten soldiers and good armes thither which hope may have broken their measures however still have a Cautious Eye over them knowing sablat and Cattowne to bee places whereto those of the most turbulent and unquiet people make their resort.

13 The difference formerly advised between Rajah Kalippa and the Proateen wee hope is fully accommodated having referred to arbitration Raja Mooda and our datus being the referrers who awarded the Proateen to pay ℘^{rs}. 86 but he had not at ℘sent wherewithall therefore wee advanced him the said summ haveing taken security for its payment otherwise its more than provable troubles would have ensued to the destruction of his Country which produces good quantity of pepper.

14 Wee have sent to summons the two southern Rajahs Pangram Jangall and Pangram Jantenally their Dep^{ty}. and Proateens to a Publique Bitchar for the same reasons as was those of the northward.

15 In our last wee advised sloop Expedition being gone to the northward for pepper who is returned with her Ladeing and since made another tripp with the like success.

16 Wee long since sent after the Marys Blunderbushes but she being lost so far to the Southward much doubt their Retreivall not yet haveing received any answer thence.

17 Wee have made a considerable progress in order to the building the Pullow Pagarr at Sillabarr point haveing cleared the place and have people dayly at work there which being a matter of the greatest Consequence wee forward as much as possible.

18 What quantitys of pepper they have and may expect at the Northern Paggars will apear by their aforementioned Gen^{ll}. to us of the 3^{d}. Instant.

19 What bookes and papers could possibly be got in readiness with the slender assistance wee have are now remitted being according to the Inclosed List, M^{r}. Shaw's frequent Indisposition and Want of assistance occasions no Generall books to be sent by this Conveyance but he hopes ℘ next to satisfie your Honour &c^{tas}. Expectations.

20 Our Military here since our supply by the Scepter have held up bravely and a great deal of providence it has been to us for had the usuall mortality attended them wee should have been most miserably put to it considering the poor supplys wee have since had ocasioned principally by the loss of the Advice.

21 That your honour &c^{ta}. have not any perticular advices from Bantall is occasioned by the John and Marys not proceeding thither which all along designed till now very lately pepper comeing in sufficient to compleat her Cargoe diverted her going thither to fill up their severall Letters to us now remitted will fully Inform the State of affairs there.

Wee cannot forbear our most humble and reiterated Intreatys for assistance both Civill and Millitary being both and at the Northward so extreamly wanted for lack of which as your honour &c^{ta}. may perceive by the Comp^{a}. Generall to us by John and Mary wee are in danger very much to suffer in reputations. 22

Wee are lately advised of a cessation of Arms at Padang and one Dutch Ship gone thither from Batavia and six more to follow with men armes and amunition for defence of the place. 23

Wee have entertained with Capt^{tn}. Kents permission M^{r}. John Manning who came over purser in the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. service as Factor and Thomas Upton who came over in said Ship a soldier a writer both being persons capable of buiseness therefore hope your honour &c^{ta}. will approve thereof. 24

Our Panlima and some others have been very Important with us for to write your honour &c^{ta}. that a settlement at Pryaman may easily be obtained since the Natives there have Lately turned away the Dutch wee promised them wee would but what their former agreement was with the Dutch and pretentions may be we know not This we are assured on all hands that it is a Port that will vend great quantities of goods a very good harbour and provisions very cheap and plentifull. 25

Amongst the slaves to be sent if any procureable some husbandmen washermen and Potters would be very serviceable our number at Present being so small that since the John and Marys arrivall our buildings have been altogather at a stand being imployed in cleaning Pepper loading and unloading boats, and other necessary works so that if possible any to be gott intreat may be supplied which is a matter of the greatest Consequence. 26

Captain Kent advised us that at the Cape he had the news of the Madrass Friggots arrivall there and of her being sayled two months before he came, for a more Particular account desire your honour &c^{ta}. will be pleased to be referred to him. 27

The John and Marys long boat was run away with out of this road and three of her saylers in her wee have received advices that they run on shoare about fifteen or twenty Leagues to the southward of Sillabarr, where the boat was staved and the men seized on wee have sent after them to have them brought hither what will be the success as yett know nott. 28

Wee shall nott as formerly advised duly to represent our wants to the R^{t}. Honble. Company their Honours now requireing it in their late Generall to us by this ship. 29

Wee must in Justice to Capt^{tn}. Kent advise your honour &c^{ta}. that he has all along during his stay here on all occasions shown himselfe very willing to serve the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Interest and haveing lett us have some things which wee much wanted that he could ill spare therefore desires that he may be paid in specia [*sic*] particulars are as ℔ storekeepers List. 30

By this ship wee have permitted to take their passage for S^{t}. George Fransisco Reposa and Micall Fernandis haveing long served the R^{t}. Honble. Company here being very desireous of returning to Fort S^{t}. George they have behaved themselves very well and now growne old in service, Wee intreat your Hon^{r}. &c^{tas}. favour to them. 31

Wee have lately found out a mistake humbly craveing pardon for the omission for as wee find nott M^{r}. Colliers bill of exchange for ℔^{rs}. 442. 1. 1 either in our Cash Booke Consultation Booke or Copies of Letters conclude Likewise that itt was omitted in our originall advices by the Ketch wee now acknowledge said summ to be rec^{d}. in the Account Cash 18th. Ultimo. 32

By a Ketch Lately arrived from Batavia wee have news of the New Companyes haveing withdrawn their ffactorys from Chusan in China and Banjare on the Island Borneo being the act of their President occasioned Principally for want of due supplies To the latter Place persons are again sent by the China President who in their voyage thither mett the President of Banjarr who approves nott of the 33

designe as they managed itt when this vessell sail'd from Batavia both Presidents were there. One bound for China with three ships and the other in one of his own for Metchlepatam.

34 The Orenzeb wee are advised had been att Batavia six weeks before this Vessell sailed thence which was in the latter end of May last and waited Mr. John Dolbens Arrivall in the Chambers Friggott who came out supra Cargoe of both ships for China they both sailed out of England together which makes them fearfull of her.

35 By a late Letter received from Bantall understand their fears of troubles in those parts to bee Pretty well blown over since Panlema Feea is retired out of Sultan Guillmotts country who was the Person in Combination with the Dagones so much dreaded.

36 Wee should have dispatched this ship in a much shorter time but in the first place willing to have her countenance as long as wee could espetially since for some months past have been apprehensive of troubles to the Northward wee have likewise mett with several other dissappointments occasioned by bad weather and loss of her boats, however the season of the year promiseth her haveing a quick passage and wee doubt nott butt will arrive time enough ere any shipping will be ready to proceed from the Coast to Europe.

37 On the request of Captn. Kent and his officers wee permitted them on their particular accounts to lade 44 Baharr of Pepper for which have paid the Custome of one half Penny ꝑ Pound.

38 Wee have now laden on board ye. ship Baharrs 620 of Pepper black, with some old useless armes amounting to as ꝑ Inclosed Invoice ꝑrs. 8021. 1. 1 Bill of Ladeing for Ditto goes herewith.

39 The last year wee agreed with Captn. Renax of Battavia for a Parcell of Benjamin and not haveing money to pay him according to our agreement were forced to allow him Interest at the usuall rate of the Country which is 15 ꝑ Cent ꝑ Annum expecting wee should have been supplyed from England before his return to these parts but being disapointed and he complaining for want of his money wee desired Captn. Phrip who was then at Padang to discharge our obligation for the credit of our Rt. Honble. masters promiseing him to represent ye. case over to your honr. &cta. so as wee questioned not butt that he should be secured from being a sufferer the whole amount of what he paid was ꝑs. 2788. 3 for which have presumed to draw bills on your honour &cta. payable to Captn. Richard Phrip or order and desire your honour &cta. will be pleased to adjust the account of Interest with him as shall be judged most convenient for his not loosing anything by serving the Rt. Honble. Compa. since had he invested said money in Gold at Padang he had made at least 12 ꝑ Cent Proffitt on his Voyage to Madrass.

40 Mr. John Davis our surgeon haveing given us such repeated Provocations by his rude behaviour Incompatible with any civill Governmt. which though wee bore wth. a great while on account of our necessitys yett at last found ourselves for Example sake to discharge him, wee could say much on this subject but are very sorry should have occasion to Complain of any Person assuring your honour &cta. that even this is very much against our Inclinations.

41 Tis a Constant Fate that hath attended these settlements to have frequent Alarms as just now on writing understand that from Jantenalla that he hath a parcell of Disaffected people which he not knowing how to manage himself requested our assistance and what wee could Judge of the consequence could be no better (then what he himself presented) then the Destruction of the Pepper Plantations in his Country wee therefore imediately dispatched away 30 soldiers to quitt them at once haveing ordered them to be under his directions also that what persons they shall take who will consequently become slaves halfe of them must be for the use of the Rt. Honble. Compa. with which they were very well satisfied.

The following persons have paid into the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Cash the undermentioned summs for wch. requesting bills of Exchange of your Honour &c^{ta}. wee granted them humbly craveing their acceptance being Viz^{t}. 42

	℘^{rs}.		
Recd. of Richard Watts and George Shaw pay^{ble}. to Mess^{e}. Meverell and ffrancis Betts.	600	00	00
Of Richard Watts payable to Ditto	50	00	00
Of M^{r}. Richard Luxford pay^{ble}. to Ditto	500	00	00
Of Captn. Jno. Vernon pay^{ble}. to M^{r}. Dan^{ll}. Chardin ...	362	00	00
Of Ditto payable to M^{r}. Charles Boddam	157	00	00
℘^{rs}.	1669	00	00

Wee have not further to add but humbly to subscribe ourselves.

May it please your honour &c^{ta}.
Your Obedient Humble Servants,

Richard Watts.
George Shaw.
Robert Broughton.
Richard Luxford.

P.S.
Captn. Bailey Kent requesting of us ℘^{rs}. 206. 3 on his Charterparty acco^{tt}. wee have paid him the said summe as ℘ Copy of his Inclosed Receipt.

Idem R.W.
G.S.
R.B.
R L.

York Fort July Y^{e}. 6th. 1702.

List of y^{e}. Pacq^{t}. to Fort S^{t}. George ℘ shipp John and Mary Captn. Bailey Kent Comander.

N°. 1. Generall Letter Dated 6th July 1702.

2. Copy Booke of Lres sent Commenceing y^{e}. 28th. March 1702 Ending July y^{e}. 2^{d}. 1702.
3. Copy Booke of Lres. reced Commencing March y^{e}. 9 170$\frac{1}{2}$ Ending July primo 1702.
4. Invoice of Ketch Josiah.
5. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
6. John and Marys Invoice of w^{t}. brought from England.
7. Storekeepers List ℘ John and Mary of necessarys wanting.
8. Invoice of what Laden on board John and Mary.
9. Bill of Loading Ditto.
10. Paymasters List of y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Companys servants and soldiers in the Garison.
11. Diary and Consultation Commenceing 28th. March 1702 Ending 6th. July 1702.

12. Account Cash Commenceing ye. 28th. March 1702 and Ending 6 July 1702.
13. John and Marys Charterparty. (Kept in Bengall.)
14. List of persons deceased on this Coast.
15. List of the Pacquett.
16. Captn. Kents Receipt.

No. 8

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
& Governour of Fort St. George
&cta. Councill.

Vizagapatam 31st. December 1702.

Honble. &cta.

Recd 15 Janry. $170\frac{2}{3}$ ₩ Phœnix.

This Comes to acquaint your Honour &cta. ye. ship Phœnix comeing here last night and wee haveing no bales ready for her wee forthwith dispatched her to Metchlepatam and which wishing your Honour &cta. a merry new year is the present needfull from

Honble. &cta.

Your Most Humble Servants,

Simon Holcombe.
Thomas Stables.
Robert Cranwell.

No. 9

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of Ye. Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
and Governour of Fort St. George
&cta. Councill.

Metchlepatam 9th. January $170\frac{2}{3}$.

Honble. Srs. &cta.

Recd 15th. Janry $170\frac{2}{3}$ ₩ Phœnix.

Our last was dated 3d. Instant adviseing ye. arrivall of ship Phœnix on which wee have Laden 109 bales for which herewith Comes Invoice and Bill of Ladeing amounting to Pagdas. 16048. $331\frac{1}{2}$.

Herewith your Honour &cta. will also receive Copyes of ours and Madapollam Books Letter C. with Copy of our account Cash to the last of December and also Copys of our Diary and Letters received and sent.

Wee have Embaled all the Chay goods ye. Merchts. have in their Godowns amongst which there is 11 bales of short Cloth on which wee have with much Difficulty brought our Merchants to make a small abatement as your Honour &cta. will perceive by our Invoice.

Our Merchants on the 12th. past reced from us 2500 Pags. for Provision of Chay goods for the January ship of which 5 Oxeload came in yesterday and they do promise to bring in the rest in Twenty days time but they being to late for the ship desire your Honour &cta. orders whether wee should take them in they expexting [*sic*] that wee shod. also take in ye. Ten Corge of Gulcondah Beeteel as ordered in your Honour &ctas. List not sending your Honr. &cta. a peice by this ship.

The Timbers yt. Mahamud Jaffore agreed to spare the Rt. Honble. Compa. he has not yett delivered to Mr. Hastings att Madapollam and by his putting itt of so from time have reason to believe (thô he has taken earnest of us) that he does not design it, but if wee had them here now the Captain declares he could not take them in therefore desire your Honour &cta. orders if wee can Procure the Timbers to send them by boats when the season of the year will permitt.

Wee have advanced to the Bengall people wch. are passingers on this ship 5 Pagodas to buy them Provissions for which Inclosed is their receipt to pay it out of their wages at the Fort and desire your Honour &cta. will give our account Creditt for the same.

The Factory house being very much out of repaire and severall of the Timbers sunck being rotten have raised the roofe ye. charge of which amounts to Pags. 95. fa. Ca.
12. 1½ which wee hope your Honr. &cta. will approve of haveing done nothing but what was absolutely necessary for the Preservation of the factory.

By this ship comes Mr. Richard Person who is very well recovered of his health but he being desireous to goe to the Fort and wee have not buiseness sufficient to keep him Employed have permitted him.

The Paymasters accounts are nott Copyed to send by this ship for want of Paper but haveing now gott some shall send them to your Honour &cta. by the first Peons.

The time of year Draws near that the Phousdars and the rest of the Oficers expect their usuall presents butt haveing nothing in the Factory that is proper hope your Honour &cta. will supply us by the first oppertunity. We are.

Honble. Sr. &cta.

Your Honours Most Obedient
Humble Servants

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.
J. Harison.
Richard Harrison.

List of Ye. Pacqt. to Fort St. George ℘ Ship Phoenix.

No. 1. Metchlepatam Generall Letter to Fort St. George dated 9 Janry. 1702/3.

		Pags.	fa.	
2.	Invoice of goods Laden on board ship Phœnix amott.	16048.	33.	00.

3. Bill of Lading for said goods.
4. Bengall weavers receip [*sic*] for 5 Pags. advanced them.
5. Copy Metchlepatam Account Cash begun 1st. January 1701/2 ending 31st. December 1702.
6. Copy of Metchlepatam Consultation Booke begun 23d. Janry. ending ye. 22d. December 1702.
7. Copy of Metchlepatam Letters reced begun ye. 20th. Novber. 1701 Ending 15th. December 1702.

8. Copy of Metchlepatam Letters sent begun y^{e}. 6th. Decemb^{r}. 1701 Ending y^{e}. 3^{d}. Jan^{ry}. 1702.
9. Copy of Metchlepatam Gen^{ll}. Bookes Letter C. begun y^{e}. 31st. May 1701 Ending y^{e}. 30th. Aprill 1702.
10. Copy of Madapollam Gen^{ll}. Bookes Letter C. begun y^{e}. 30th. Aprill 1701 ending 30th. Aprill 1702.
11. List of y^{e}. Pacquett.

N°. 10

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}. R^{T}.
HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}.
& GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND
S^{T}. DAVID &C^{TA}. COUNCILL.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID JANUARY Y^{E}. 14TH. 1702/3.

HON^{BLE}. SIR &C^{TA}.

Reced 19th. Jan^{ry}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$ ꝑ Pattamarr.

Our last to your honour &c^{ta}. bore date y^{e}. 2^{d}. Instant since which have received yours ꝑ y^{e}. Expedition sloop of the 5 what quantity of Cloth your merchants have brought in wee advised in our last which was then putt to washing and Dying a List of what they have brought in since comes here Inclosed.

The reasons wee drew those Bills upon your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. was to supply the merchants with money in order to Carry on the Contract you directed us to make and provide such a number of Bales for the Jan^{ry}. shipping as you expected from us and they Contracted for but since you have nott in your better Judgements thought Convenient to send us any money upon that account wee request youll please to send us some for the necessary expence of the Garrison for the Comp^{a}. Cash is at a ballance here.

Pursuant to your directions y^{e}. sloop Expedition is goot Into the River though wth. some difficulty by reason the spring Tides were over before she arrived wee shall as soon as Possible gett her hauld up and Then Take advice from the English Carpenter and others experienced which is the properest method to repair her and advise more particularr of her in our next but the master gives her so ill a Character that wee are fearfull the expences will be much more then she is worth wee shall follow your directions in sending some of the Companys bales upon her if she can be gott ready in time.

Inclosed is a Copy of a Generall Letter wee lately reced from Negapatam tho it Imports nothing more than a Request to y^{e}. Deputy Governour for settling an account long time Depending between some of their and our Inhabitants, We remain.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{TA}.

Your Most Humble Servants

GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

N°. 11

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of Y^{e}. R^{t}.
Honble. East India Comp^{a}. and
Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George and S^{t}.
David &c^{ta}. Councill.

Fort S^{t}. David Jan^{ry}. y^{e}. 22^{d}. 1702/3.

Honble. Sir &c^{ta}.

Wee have reced. yours of y^{e}. 12th. and 19th. the Latter ⅌ y^{e}. Phœnix who arrived here yesterday in y^{e}. Evening and Accompanied an Invoice for 5000 Pagodas with some wheat and Wax for which wee are extreamly thankfull being in great want of all three. Reced. 26th. Jan^{ry}. 1702/3.

Our Uttmost Dilligence shall nott be wanting in giving the ship a speedy dispatch from hence he can be ready to take in goods after which all y^{e}. boats wee have here shall be continually employed in loading the bales and after they are on board wee shall nott detain her here an hour.

What goods remain in y^{e}. washers hands which Cannot be gott ready for this ship shall be sent upon y^{e}. Companys sloop Expedition if can be repaired in time her shœthing must be taken off or otherwise it will be Impossible to Cork her as your honour &c^{ta}. were pleased to direct to stop her leakes therefore request if you have any shœthing Plank of about Inch thick you will send us some for its the opinion of the Carpenters it will be Impossible for her to be made tite and hold together without new sheathing besides her Iron work is so Decayed wth. Rust that its absolutely necessary her main Plank must be all new drove.

All the goods brought in by your Merch^{ts}. which can be gott ready shall be sent by this Conveyhance though wee fear they have some In the Washers hands will hardly be washed in time them Rogues are so dillatory and Proud that wee have found a great Deale of Trouble with them. Conicoply Paupa has had all the assistance and help wee could possibly afford him because you were pleased to demand it though our own merchants goods have been detarded thereby a List of what goods is Embaled and what remains at the washers belonging to your Joint Stock Merch^{ts}. comes here Inclosed.

Hussen Cawn with all his people went out of our bounds few days after wee advised your Hon^{r}. &^{ta}. of his being here.

The Generall Bookes and all other accounts your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. wrote for shall be sent ⅌ Phœnix which wee beleive a safer Conveyance than overland because they will be very Bulkey and may meet with troubles from y^{e}. Junkaneers in the Road.

All y^{e}. China goods Landed out of the Loyall Cooke was two hundred and fifty Chests of Coppar belonging to the Deputy Governour which has Paid y^{e}. Companys Custome of Ten ⅌ Cent according to their Directions.

The French ship your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. mentions with another small ship of about sixty Tons is arrived at Pollicherry they are makeing all the dispatch they can in Loading her for Europe.

Wee shall be sure to use the silkwinders kindly and hope in time to bring that design to perfection wee request of your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. in your next will please

lett us know what wages they are to have which being the Present needfull with due respect wee crave Leave to subscribe.

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Your Most Humble Servants

GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

Please to lett us know wt. dyet money must be allowed ye. Master &cta. belonging to the Sloop Expedition.

Idem G.R.
J.H.
R.I.
&CTA.

No. 12

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CTA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

Recd 2d. ffebry. 1702/3.

The foregoing is Copy of our last dated ye. 9th. Instant ℔ ship Phœnix who sailed from hence the 12th. Instant and Inclosed comes Copy of our Invoice and 2d. Bill of Ladeing for the Goods wee laded upon her.

Herewith your Honr. &cta. will receive our Paymasters and Stewards accounts to the last of Decembr. by which your Honr. &cta. may perceive that for the two last months wee have been at dyett money being willing to retrench our Charges as much as possible.

Wee have made up Accounts with our Merchants and paid them the Ballance being Pags. 1796. 19. 5 as your Honr. &ta. will perceive by Copy of their account wch. comes Inclosed wherein wee have Charged them with the 2500 Pagodas paid them in December for the provision of chay goods for the January ship but being not willing to quitt our claim to what Chay goods they Have brought in since the departure of the ship have advanced them 1500 Pagodas on the said Account or elce they would carried them to the New Company which wee did not think adviseable to permitt till wee received your Honour &cta. answer to our last about them.

Mahomett Jaffore after his fair promises of supplying the Rt. Honble. Compa. with the Timbers and Plank wee want does now declare he cannott Lett us have them without leave from his Master and has returned the earnest wee gave him for which abuse wee cannot pretend to write ourselves here he being the servant of Gosde Cawn but if your Honr. &cta. thinks convenient wee will endeavour to gett Timbers up in the Country against next season.

The Rt. Honble. Compa. Physick being near spent Mr. Faucet has drawn out a List which he Judges will be needfull for us here but desires your Honr. &cta. will please to excuse him from administering of itt.

The New Company have nott Laden on board ship Catherine as yett anything but salt Petre and Cowrys but she is going to Madapollam to take in what bales there are ready haveing not made up one bale for her here as yett Wee are

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Your Honrs. Most Obedient Humble Servants

METCHLEPATAM 23RD. JANUARY 1702/3.

STEPHEN FREWEN.
THOMAS FAUCETT.
J. HARRISON.
R. HARRISON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO FORT ST. GEORGE.

No. 1. Metchlepatam General to Fort St. George dated 23d. Janry. 1702/3.

2. Invoice of ship Phœnix.

3. Bill of Ladeing.

4. Japa Chitte &cta. Merchants Account.

5. List of Phisick drawne out by Mr. Faucett as necessary for the Factory.

6. Paymaster and Stewards Account Begun January 1701 Ending December 1702.

7. List of the Pacquett.

No. 13

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. EAST INDIA COMPA. AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE AND
ST. DAVID &CTA. COUNCILL.

FORT ST. DAVID JANUARY YE. 30TH. 1702/3.

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Our last to your Honr. &cta. bore date the 22d. Instant this serves Chiefly to Inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for seven Hundred and Fifty Two Bales belonging to our merchants amounting as ℔ Invoice to Fifty One Thousand six Hundred sixty Five Pags. Twelve Fanams and Three Cash also One Hundred and Thirteen Bales belonging to your merchants one of which is a Bale of Morees not sorted here by reason wee have no Moree Muster, the wind blowing fresh for Three or Four days past occasioned three boats Load being wett which is the reason they could nott be sent by this ship whom wee have given as speedy dispatch as possible wee could she sailed hence Thursday in the Evening and tis none of our faults she was not dispatched two days sooner. Reced 4th Febry. 1702/3.

Ingeneer Worlenhoof takes his passage upon this ship for Madrass in order for his return home upon this ship or any other your Honr. &cta. will please to direct.

A List of what goods wee have att the Washers and in the Merchants Godowns come Inclosed wch. wee shall as speedily as possible gett washed and embaled also a List of what is remaining at the washers belonging to the Madrass Merchants.

Our last years Generall Books with the Cuddalore and Tevenepatam accounts of Beetle and Tobacco are sent ℔ ship Phœnix and in Two or Three days more shall Transmitt your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. Copy of our Consultations and Dyarys with the account of Cash Tevenapatam and Cuddalore Customes which being the needfull wee crave leave to subscribe.

Please to send us some more Packing stuff for wee have nott enough for what Cloth is att the washers.

HON^BLE^. SIR &C^TA^.

Your Most Humble Servant

GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^D^. MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

N°. 14

TO THE HON^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^.
HON^BLE^. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A^.
ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDELL AND
GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^TA^.
COUNCILL.

FORT W^M^. IN BENGAL,
7TH. JAN^RY^. 1702/3.

S^RS^.

Reced 4th. ffebry. 1702/3 ℔ sloop abednego.

Since ours by ship Phœnix copy of which comes Inclosed have reced yours of y^e^. 6th. & 21st. Nov^r^.

The Rice sent on ship Hampshire was what wee bought up here in the time of our Troubles and had not been sent but Cap^tn^. Tovey declared the Salt Petre on board would not make his ship sailable and desired Rice for that purpose and wee had no better to send.

Wee made no Provisions for Rice to send ℔ ship Phœnix but expected the Cap^tn^. could have stowed away the two hundred Jarrs of Oyle with the Match Gunnys and Ropes but when they were sent on board he declared that he Could not safely carrie them w^th^.out Rice and being then Just upon his dispatch and haveing no new Rice in the House but what provided for the Sarum was the Reason we sent so much Old Rice as could safely stow away the Jarrs of Oyle but for the future shall observe to send grain and stores the best of their Kind.

Cojah Surhaud is an Armenian and his gratitude like the Rest of that Cast wee advised in our last that wee had hopes of a great freight for ship Colechester Cap^tn^. Matthews falling down the river without freight but he made a hault ten days below Repore and S^r^. Edward Littleton procured him a large quantity of Bales from the Hindiston Merchants but at a low rate two annas ℔ maund more then a Country ship Carried them for.

The remainder of the bales were in a Turks and Armenians hands they being a subtle people represented matters to the Turk that wee Could not Perswade him to freight on our ship, and very unwilling was obliged to Comply with Cojah Surhaud to lett out the ship for thirty eight Thousand Rupees to Persia & Bussera to be paid on her Return to Fort S^t^. George or Bengall wee shall write you fully of this matter by our next.

Wee have no fine green Cloth but shall send the white Lead and Lynseed oyle by one of the Companys Vessells which wee design to send to your Port the beginning of the next month.

Wee have ordered our Accomptant to examin Mr. Trenchfeilds accounts and will write you farther about that matter so soon as buissness is a Little out of his hands being now employed upon the dispatch of the John and Mary.

Wee thank you for all news Imparted Espetially for that about the Proclamation of Warr in Europe which wee have Imparted to the New Compa. President and will take measures accordingly but wee have no other orders from the Rt. Honble. Compa. then what formerly reced which were to order their shipping for St. Hellena and to lade provision and necessaries for the use of their Garrison consigned to the Governr. and Councill there and Captn. Rouse Reports that men of Warr were ordered there to Convey the Homeward bound shipping yett the Rt. Honble. Companie take no notice thereof to us.

Captn. Kent advises us that want of Provisions and Hardness of weather forced him to Bengall wee ordered a survey to be taken of the ship by severll. Comanders and Europe Carpenters who gave In their Opinion that she was Capable to proceed for England and then ordered Goods to be shipt on board her had Captain Kent saved his passage for Madrass the Pepper on board his ship being maunds 4113. 1¼ would have filled up the Hampshire and sent her directly for Madrass but then the John and Marry would have been a burthen to you her Charterparty being out the 20th. of this month.

The pepper the John and Mary brought will about two thirds be shipt on board the same Vessel and Wentworth to be shott between their Bales to help up their bad Tonnage of Laack and Cotton yarne and the remainder wee shall dispose of in the months of February and March (which is the season that Commodity sells best) to bear the Expence of the Garrison untill such time as youll please to supply us wth. money.

Our Vacqueel advises from Dhacca that the Duan will give his sunnud for free Trade in case each of the Europe nations will Present the Prince with Rupees 20000 and the new Company the like summe in all Rupees 80000 which causes us to beleive that the news is true which the Dutch and Armenians report that the Kings Husbolhookum arrived at Surrat two months since for the freedom of Trade to all Europeans. Wee are.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

Your Most Humble Servts.

JOHN BEARD.
NATHLL. HALSEY.
JONATHAN WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

No. 15

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. EAST INDIA COMPA. & GOVERNR.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE AND ST. DAVID
&CTA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

Wee received yours of ye. 2d. Instant by a boat which came not to our hands till the 6th. Wee have since had a survey of the Companys sloop Expedition and **Recd 10th. Febry. 1702/3**

find her Timbers Indifferent Good and most of her main Plank not worme Eaten where wee find a want wee shall shift it and put In new but her Iron Work must be all new and so must her sheathing which is all decayed and worm Eaten. If wee repair her wee shall secure her well with what stands Beams and Knees she wants and make her as strong as possible. The Charge of all which wee are humbly of opinion will be much more then she is worth, For the Carpenters and other handy Craft men are very scarce to be gott, and wont work under extravagant Rates, If in answer hereto your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. are pleased to order her being repaired wee request youll please to send us some sheathing Plank of about Inch Thick which will strengthen her the better and sheathing nailes answerable to such Plank. Wee request youll please to send us your orders what allowance for Dyett shall bee given the Master &c^ta^. belonging to her.

This will accompany our Dyary and Consultations to the end of December last to be forwarded to the Company and also our Generall Letter to them which is under a flying seall for your Honour &c^tas^. perusall also inclosed is a List of what strores is wanting in this Garrison wee have forbore Including any Europe Commoditys or Factors Provisions hopeing youll please to supply us with the Latter as wee want and the former when our Markett can give Incouragm^t^. Another Copy of our Dyary and Consultations shall be sent your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. in few days.

M^r^. Shingle Secretary being very much Indisposed in his head and often Troubled with Fitts has requested leave to resigne the Secretarys Imploy which wee have Complyed with and have chose M^r^. Bridges in his Place as being the proprest person here to undertake it who wee hope will perform it to satisfaction being a Good Pen man.

Wee have given M^r^. Berlu our Bill upon your honour &c^ta^. for Two hundred and fifty Pag^s^. payable to M^r^. William Dean which wee request yor. complying to have received the like Sume into the R^t^. Honourable Companyes Cash here. Wee crave leave to subscribe.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.

Your Most Humble Serv^ts^.

Gabriell Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmund Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
Trevor Games.
John Berlu.

Just now is arrived a Peon from anjengo with a Pacq^t^. for the Honble. President.

Fort S^t^. David
February y^e^. 8th. 1702/3.

N°. 16

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^.
Honble. English East India Company
& Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &c^ta^.
Councill.

Metchlepatam
22^d^. February 1702/3.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.

Reced 4th March 1702/3.

Your Hon^rs^. of the 17th. past wee reced 28th. & gladly observe the save arrivall of the Phœnix wth. you wch. was dispatched from hence wth. as much Expedition as possible.

Wee shall Observe your Hon^{r}. &c^{tas}. orders in receiveing such Goods as the Merchants shall bring into the Factory but leave them unsorted till further orders.

If the Person wee agreed with for the Timbers had been as good as his word they would have been here time enough for the Europe ship. M^{r}. Hastings was sent to Maddapollam on purpose as soon as he had taken earnest of us for them that no time might be lost not haveing any reason to suspect that a Person who lives so credibly as he does In this Place would be guilty of so mean and base an action for which wee cannot pretend to have any satisfaction or get any Timberrs without his leave.

Wee shall for the future keep our Acc^{tt}. of Disbursments under another head since your honour &c^{ta}. does not think it propper for us to keep it under the head of Paymaster which it has been ever since M^{r}. Foquetts comeing here haveing no old Bookes to put us in a method how they were kept in former times.

Herewith comes by this boat in persuance to your honour &c^{ta}. orders Mr I. Harrison M^{r}. ffra. Hastings M^{r}. Rich^{d}. Harrison and M^{r}. Matthew Weld with the six soldiers who are paid to y^{e}. 1st. of this month.

Wee are very sensible that your honour &c^{ta}. has sent possitive orders for us to stop the Dustore here but what made us not stop what due from the Maddapollam Merchants in Woolston time was because your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. wrote us in a Generall Letter that you would call Woolston to Account for the Dustore and besides it is positively mentioned in his Contract that they should pay no Dustore but since your Honour &c^{ta}. has ordered them to pay it, wee shall take care to recover it as soon as possible.

On the 29th. past the Hughleana Ketch belonging to the New Company arrived from Bengall and has brought them seven Chests of Treasure when she left Bengall which was the beginning of January, the John and Mary, and Bengall Merchant were dispatched for England and the Wentworth about half laden and the Colechester near ready to saile for Persia.

The new Comp^{a}. have made up here about fifty Bales for the Katherine but have not yett done sorting she is now at Maddapollam to take in what bales they have there ready but by what wee can understand she will nott bee able to take in above 200 bales in all.

Fuckerla Cawn has quarrelled with Ranga Raw about his not paying him his rent upon which he and his family run away and Fuckerla Cawn is come after him to Maddapollam but he is gott on the other side of the River and is a raiseing what forces he can and severall Rashwarrs thereabout are joined with him the new Company being suspicious of meeting with troubles about their walls at Maddapollam have sent M^{r}. Tiller thither with a present.

The Phousdar and the rest of the officers begin to dunn us for their presents therefore hope your Honour &c^{ta}. will supply us by the first opportunity and also with paper &c^{ta}. Factors provisions. We are.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{TA}.

Your Hon^{rs}. Most Obedient
Hum^{ble}. Servants

STEPHEN FREWEN.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

N°. 17

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^.
Honble. English East India Company
& Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George &c^ta^.
Councill.

Metclepatam
22^d^. Febr^y^. 170⅔.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.

Recd. 4th, March 1702/3. Herewith your Honour &c^ta^. will receive our last Generall dated y^e^. 4th. Instant which wee sent by boat Sitteram on which the Gentlemen and soldiers your honour &c^ta^. ordered took their passage but meeting with Contrary winds could not fetch further then Currera where they lay att anchor for some days but their provisions and water being near expended and the Moors Governour of that place refuseing to lett them have any provisions or a Cask of water under four Pagodas they ordered the Tandell to weigh anchor and come back to this Place where they arrived 20th. In the afternoon Inclosed is the List of Provisions they had with them which wee did think was sufficient for a month but they say that some of their potted meat and Salt Pork proved so bad that they could not eat it, It is now very uncertain when Wee shall have another Opportunity of sending them to your Honour &c^ta^. here being no Vessells in the Road that is bound to Fort S^t^. George but the boat they returned upon which most People are of Opinion not possible for them to gett their passage now, and the soldiers declare they had rather travell overland a foot then goe again in the boat.

On the 9th. Instant M^r^. Pitt went to Maddapollam to make Fuckerla Cawne a Vissitt and carried him a present which was very well accepted off M^r^. Pitt was Tashreift with a horse and Cloths when he first come there hee wrote to M^r^. Frewen for leave to be in our Factory with his Family which wee granted he is now gone away for Ellore and has left his Cheife Bramine to make up the Accounts with Rango Raze.

The Katherine arrived here yesterday from Maddapollam where she has taken in 130 Bales and they have about 100 Bales more made up for her here (Account whereof comes Inclosed) which is all the Goods they have ready designing to dispatch her the 25th. Instant.

Inclosed is a Paper received from one Diego Demenezes a Portuguez Inhabitant of this Place wherein he requests of your Honour &c^ta^. to receive into the R^t^. Honble. Companys Cash 2600 Rupees at 7 ℔ Cent Interest to be devided when he dyes amongst the poore of Madrasse S^t^. Thoma and Goa as mentioned in said paper & does promise if your Honour &c^ta^. does approve of his proposalls to make a farther addition being very antcient and no wife nor child here to provide for.

The Phousdar of this Place is turned out and a new one comeing downe from Gulcondah who they say is near kin to Rustandell and is to be feared will be very Troublesome if wee do not present him at his first comeing which wee cannot doe unless your Honour &c^ta^. send us a supply.

Herewith your Honour &c^ta^. will receive the Gentlemen reasons as they call them for returning hither which wee demanded of them for the satisfaction of your Honour &c^ta^. the Charge being Pag^s^. 66. 35. 4 includeing the freight of the Vessell as to what they alledge about the boats not carrying above 100000 sticks of firewood is faulse for the owner of the boat had agreed with the Cheife to Carry for Madrass 180000 stickes and was goeing to Dew to take it in when your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. orders arrived about sending them up and as to their being meazed with the soldiers wee do not understand their meaning they haveing all comitted into their own custody to deliver out as they thought convenient.

As to their last Article that they did not use any constraints with the people of the Vessell to come back is what the Tandell denyes to us and said positively that they forced them to weigh anchor and come back and as for her going upon a 2d. Voyage wee know nothing more of itt then that gott a little and provisions aboard and sailed this morning. This is all that wee think matteriall to answer to their Paper referring it wholly to your honour &cta. to Judge whether wee are highly to blame as they represent itt. We are.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.
Your Most Obedient Humble Servants.

STEPHEN FREWEN.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

No. 1. Metchlepatam Genll. Letter to Fort St. George dated 22d. Febry. 170⅔.

2. List of Provisions Assigned to the Rt. Honble. Companys Factors and soldiers voyage to Madrass.

3. Account of Bales made up by the New Company for ship Katherine.

4. Diego Domenezes request to the Govr. and Councill.

5. Mr. Harrisons &cta. reasons for returning to Metchlepatam.

6. List of the Pacquett.

No. 18

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. EAST INDIA COMPA. AND GOVR.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
&CTA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

We have received yours of the 18th. Febry. which Came to our hands ye. 23d. and are glad to understand the Phœnix departed so early and rich a ship pray God send her to arrive in savety. Recd. 4th. March 1702/3

Wee Cant tell the reason why the Anjengo Peon was so long upon the road he was ordered to accompany our Peons but answered he doubted not but to be there before them.

Had wee any Person here that could Translate Dutch Wee should have sent you the Generall in English for notwithstanding we have many Dutchmen in this Garrison there is very few of them can read their mothers tongue much less translate any Letter which is very plaine from the mistake we made in adviseing your Honour &cta. the Purport of that Letter which being only to desire leave for some

of our Inhabitants to go thither to bee wittnesses in a Cause will not be refused them Butt the Justices of the Choultery have already taken their Depositions which they think may be satisfactory at Negapatam.

Wee shall pay the master and the other Englishman belonging to Sloop expedition Accustomary Diet money which wee think is two Pagodas each ₰ mensem, But both them and the Lascars expect to receive their wages here about which wee pray you'll send us your orders.

Wee are very glad to understand your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. are pleased to have a better opinion of this years cloth than that which formerly went from this Place how farr short it is in goodness to yours wee cannot be Judges but the buyer in England will find out the difference so that when your Honour &c^ta^. receives the account of their sales it will then appeare by their prise how far short they are in goodness.

Wee are sorry to hear your Honour &c^ta^. are pleased to esteeme the Cloth unevenly sorted since all Imaginable care has been taken therein and wee can assure your Honour &c^ta^. that the bales N°. 1 are sorted up to muster but its Impossible to make so even a sortment to a Lower number Since what cloth dont come up to the first Number though but very little difference is turned to the second and cannot be so evenly sorted as those by the muster which with submission to better Judgment wee think a very good reason to have but few numbers since wee shant want cloth to Compleat the Investment the want of which formerly wee presume was the reason the Companie approved the sorting to lower numbers and getting an equitable abatement thereon besides your honour &c^ta^. has in a Letter to Mr. Frasier complained of many numbers and that twas Impossible to Judge in lower numbers between the price and Cloth except it was Considerable wee therefore for the reasons before mentioned made no more then two Numbers. But if this be the true reason our Merchants are grown so rich their estates must have been gotten by former Investments because the Companie are now Considerably in arrears to them wch. if not speedily paid will soon make appear that their Riches consists chiefly in their Creditors which begin now to be so clamorous that ye Merchants are very uneasy and make us so too with their daily dunns wch. wee wish maynt be of ill consequence to the next Investment.

Wee cannot immagine with what reason your Merchants could complaine to your Honour &c^ta^. that wee employed their washers or that their goods lay unwashed which we assure your Hon^r^. is false for that they never brought in any cloth to be either turned out to washing or for sorting but it was immediately done tho' our own was detarded thereby and had they had no more cloth washed then the thirty washers could have done which were sent from Madrass not halfe that quantity could have been sent ₰ the Phœnix they then did which Conicoply Paupia yesterday owned in the presence of many wittnesses Inclosed your Honour &c^ta^. will receive a List of what brown cloth your Merchants have brought into the bounds what is at washing and how much embaled by which your Honour &c^ta^. will perceive wether wee can comply with your orders in sending a thousand peices of their Long Cloth to be dyed blew wee have already sent about four or five hund^rd^. of our own and shall send the remainder as soon as it comes in which we shall gett dyed of as deep a colour as possible for the prise wee now pay but if your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. will please to have it dyed of as deep a colour as y^e^. Dutch which is almost a black it will cost four Pagodas a Corge more.

For the future wee shall take care to send you the Generall Bookes of this place so early that they may timely be brought into yours and sent home in due order Copy of our last years bookes shall be sent you as soone as possible as also Copy of our bookes B D and F which are almost finished with the Copy of our last years Consultations and Dyarys Account of Cash expences and Receipt which for the future shall be kept up & sent you in due time and if wee find wee want any help therein wee shall pray your honour &c^ta^. to send us some if wee, do

request may, be persons proper for such business and writes good hands and since your Honour &c^{ta}. are pleased to recommend its an acceptable peice of service to the Company to have copied out Land Custome and Sea Customers bookes Mintmasters Paymasters and storekeepers to Commence and end with the Generall Bookes each Gentlemen who Officiates in said Posts has promised the Compliance thereto.

The sloop Expedition shall be repaired as soon as youll please to send us sheathing boards &c^{ta}. materialls to do it withall and if the Pegu ships happen to fall in here wee shall supply ourselves with planck and what elce wee want.

Mr. Bridges returnes his most humble service to your Honour &c^{ta}. for your approvall of his being secretary and promises to keep his business in such order that you shall have no reason to disapprove of his service.

Wee request youll be as speedy as possible in supplying of us with what stores you can being in great want of them and for the six Culverin ordnance wrote for which is wanting for the south curtain they must be for Tevenapatam because wee have no south curtain at Cuddalore and those Gunns that can be spared from of the Curtains at the Fort are designed for the new bastion that's building att Cuddalore.

The account of the Companys yearly revenue in this place was drawne out as accustomary but no Custome included for the Companies goods exported because they pay none and for those Imported as also for the Dustore the Companie have always had Creditt in their Generall bookes so the List was drawn out accordingly but wee are under a misfortune here of being a markett for the sale of severall goods for which your place receives the Custome therefore for the future wee hope your honour &c^{ta}. will please to direct that what goods comes down for sale shall pay the Custome here according to their entry that the place may receive the benefitt for what its markett can vend.

Wee are sorry to hear that England is become a Principall in the warr with the Emperor and Dutch against France and Spaine we shall keep this Garrison in the best posture of defence wee can and those few men wee have in due decorum but hope yor. honour &c^{ta}. will send us a supply of English men if you can possible spare them for in the List sent home you will see we are in great want thereof.

Inclosed wee send your Honour &c^{ta}. a Prise currant of the present prises of China goods here. But if any quantity arrives they will Lower the Prise the best Comoditie M^{r}. Dolben can leave with us is gold of which if your Honour &c^{ta}. please to order us a quantity it will be very serviceable & acceptable.

The silk winders shall be paid according to their Contract deducting what they have already reced.

Wee have ready embaled above two hundred bales and hope by the Conclusion of this month to have as many more in a readiness which shall be kept according to your Honour &c^{ta}. orders till a ship of the Comp^{a}. arrives or that youll please to order any other Conveyhance for them.

The Juncaneers of Bomy Pollam (which are under Gangaram) have lately been very Insolent and put in chaines two of our Peons wee sent thither for wood and match wee have lying there and demand a hundred Pagodas for their ransome and for the Liberty wee have of provideing wood if your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. approve thereof wee can easily do ourselves right by manning a Chellinge with twenty men and bring the (Conicoply) who is the great Instrument of stopping our people hither after which wee shall agree upon easier termes which may deter those rogues from committing the like affronts and their master from protecting and detaining all malecontents of this place which he has hitherto done and still refuses

the delivery of Four Dutch men belonging to this Garrison and Mr. Afflecks slave who wee hear are with him which being the needfull with due respect wee crave leave to subscribe.

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Your Most Humble Servants

GABRIELL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMUND MOUNTAGUE.
RICHARD FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

FORT ST. DAVID
MARCH YE. 14TH. 170⅔.

Mr. Games att Cuddalore.

No. 19

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
RT. HONBLE. GOVERNOUR AND COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING
TO THE EAST INDIES &CTA. COUNCILL
ATT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Reced 14th. March 1702/3

Our last to you was dated 14 August by way of Metchlepatam by which wee advised of what wee could then Call to mind necessary and now wee shall further add what hath since occurrd to our notice.

On the 11th. August one of the French Companys Ships arrived from Bombay from Port Lewis who brought the unwelcome news of the death of our Soverain Lord King William she departed France the 3d. Aprill new stile, then there Was no other warr commenced but that between the Emperor and King of Spain or France this is the only Ship the French have come out for this side of India this year.

On the 20th. of Septm. here arrived a sloop with 23 Men and Boyes belonging to the Prosperous a Ship of 230 Tonns belonging to the seperate Subscribers that was run away with by the Pirates & some of her own men from Madagascar bending their course towards the Gulph of Moco where onely two of the seven Ships that sailed from this Port towards that last year arrived the others haveing Lost their passage put back to Goa Dauda rajapore Goga and muscatt the two arrived to advices by a Ship that came from thence to Goga will not return so yt. its probable the Pirat will meet with no purchase there they saying She sails very heavy where wee shall next hear of her wee do not yett know there is on board 100 Men.

On the 21st. of the afforesaid month here arrived the arabian Merchant of 170 Tonns belonging to the new Company she came out of England in December bound to Moco but not being able to gett into that gulph she went to aden where she lay about 7 weeks but bought no goods there, her Cargo Consists of Lead Iron Copporas and five Chests of silver.

Wee hear from Persia by way of Muscatt that the Loyall Bliss and Natthaniell are safe arrived there and that wee may expect them full freighted in a little time of the new Companys three ships that was bound there tis said only the Albermarle is arrived the Susanna lost her Passage and wintered at Galla where the Rhewbow is wee do not yett hear.

Wee lately hear that the Ship S^{r}. Edwrd. Littleton sent to Persia last year lost her passage and wintered at Tutacorin.

None of our Masters nor the new Comp^{a}. Ships of this year is yett Arrived on this Coast that wee hear off.

About nine weeks since wee the French and Dutch got the Governour of this City to write the King to request that he would take off the restraint on y^{e}. persons and goods of all Europeans throughout his Dominions which was backt by a certificate under all the Country Merchants seals that they could not trade except said Europeans were satisfied which as wee are Informed from our Vacqueell at Court and from the Governour caused the King on his perusall thereof Immediately to resolve that orders should bee issued out to all parts of his Dominions that the Interdictions should be taken off that they should trade without restraint as formerly which orders both the forementioned affirm are executed copy of what is arrived our Govornour is Inclosed being Copyed from what he sent us under his seall.

On the 10th. Instant at night here happened a very violent storm on this Coast which drove on shoar and broke to peices allmost all the Vessells and boats belonging to Bombay in which storm the R^{t}. Honble. Company lost 1 Smack two great Monchaes and one great Country boat the Benjamine Yatch and Mary Sloope were at the time of its beginning near Daman haveing under their Convey about 35 great Vessells laden with Salt eight of the Letter are Returned to the Island in a miserable shattered Condition haveing hove almost all their Cargoe overboard what is become of the rest wee don't hear nor of the Josiah Brigantine that was at the same time cruizing off the Island this storm hath done vast damage between Dandrajapore and S^{t}. Johns that wee already have an Account of blowing down sundry churches and a great many houses with a vast number of trees besides a multitude of Vessells wrakt tho its violence held but two hours what dammage is done lower downe the Coast wee dont yett hear.

On the 13th. Instant arrived a Dutch ship from Batavia att Bombay which brought the Inclosed news to which we desire you will be referred.

Wee have constituted a new Vacquell att Court his name is Dogjee Iugee Pattell as your returned vacqueel can Inform you whom you may make use off as you have occasion.

This Governour keeps extraordinary fair with us at present and its like he will do so till fresh Pyracies are committed.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{ta}.

Your very Loveing Freinds
and humble servants.

Surrat November
y^{e}. 27th. 1702.

John Gayer.
Stephen Colt.
Edward Bendall.
B. Wyche.

N°. 20

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the
R^{t}. Honble. Governr^{r}. & Comp^{a}.
of Merchants of London
Tradeing to the East Indies
&c^{ta}. Councill Att Fort S^{t}. George.

Our last to you was the 27th. of the Past month by an Armenian Conveyhance since which wee reced Letters from Persia which advise that they were in hopes to Reced 14th March 1702

dispatch the Loyall Bliss & Nathaniell about the latter end of October or the beginning of Past month with good ffreights towards us butt wee beleive they have been obliged to keep them longer for that they are not yett arrived us.

Inclosed is Copy of what news wee sent you in our last and a Copy of Agent Owens Letter to M^r. Bruce &c^ta. which confirmes that news wee have no English Gazetts from them of newer date then ye 9th. March thô by their writeing they should have of newer date.

They write from Gombroon that its mentioned in Gazetts that thirteen sail of men of Warr is comeing out for the East Indies under Command of Cap^tn. Stewart but wee don't find that news in any they have sent us but its written in one of the newspapers of the Earle of Torrington is going with sixty cappitall ships to the Meditaranian with seaven Thous^d. Land Soldiers to Joine at some Port in Italy with eleven Thousand of the Emperors Forces and that the young King of Spain is arrived Naples where there hath been a Rebellion in favour of the Emperour thô suppress in Twenty Four hours tis said the Emperour hath seventy thousand men in Italy and that twenty six thousand more is on their march to reinforce them and that the King of France hath Fifty Thousand men there.

Our Parliament have voted for Forty thousand seamen and Forty thousand Land men the Latter is to Consist of the Ten Thousand already in Holland Eight Thousand more to be raised in England and Twenty Two Thousand to bee hired from Denmark the house of Zell Hanover and the Rest of the German Allies in fine all things seems to be prepaired and prepairing for a vigorous warr.

A Jew in this Town hath a Letter from Gombroon wherein its mentioned that Admirall Bemboo hath taken all the Spanish Flora with a vast Treasure and carried them to Conge. but this wants Confirmation from our Masters servants there thô the Dutch may have such news for that agent Owen writes they have what is much fresher then what they have wee are.

Your very Loveing Friends
and humble Servants

Surat Ye. 5th. December 1702.

John Gayer.
Stephen Colt.
Edwd. Bendall.
B. Wyche.

A List of the Pacquett to Fort St. George the 5th. Decembr. 1702.

No. 1. Suratt Generall dated ye. 5th. December 1702.

2. Suratt Ditto dated 27th. November Duplicate.

3. Copy of a news paper from Andrianople dated ye. 26th. Feby. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

4. Abstract of a Letter from the Committee of Holland to their Governr. and Councill in India dated ye. 15th. May 1702.

5. Copy of Agent Owens Letter to Mr. Bruce dated ye. 29th. of August 1702.

6. List of the Pacquett.

7. Copy of the Kings order to Etcaber Cawne clear all Europeans Goods sent under his seale ye. 26th. November 1702.

No. 21

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governr. of Fort
St. George & the Coast of
Coromandell for the Rt. Honble.
English East India Compa.
&cta. Councill.

Madrasspatam.

Honble. Srs. and Worthy Freinds.

Wee reced your honours dated ye. 24th. Febry. with which you was pleased to Honour us wee find itt requires no other answer but that wee are much obliged to your honours for the advice touching the deceased King William of glorious memory of whose death wee all this while had but some mouthly reports till now we are certified by you of the circumstances it is to be wished otherwise if it had pleased God for the Common Interest. Reced 16th. March 1702/3 N.S.

Amongst other India news which wee gott from Batavia wee find some that tells us of the arrivall of severall English ships at the Cape of good hope as well out of Europe as from India the last year as appears by the Inclosed Copy besides which wee know nothing more elce would have acquainted your Honours as wee will what Europe news might come to our knowledge and haveing for this time nothing more wee wish your Honours all prosperity and a good health & remain.

Honble. Sirs,
Your Honrs. Faithfll. Friends
and Humble servants

Negapatam 20th. March 1702/3.

Direck Comans.
Henry Becker.
P. Van Burg.
J. Spitts.
H. Groscius.
D. Vandermard.
G. Ingells.
I. H. Dubbeldard.
H. Wightman.
H. Layhaye.

No. 22

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
and Governr. of Fort St. George
&cta. Councill.

Srs.

Our last unto you was on the 6th. ultimo since then have dispatched the Colechester for Persia who sailed from the new deeps the 6th. Instant according to Contract made with Coja Surhaud Israel Copie of the same our letter to the Agent and Councill comes Inclosed as also our dispatch to Captn. Rouse, Cojah Surhaud was very negligent in his affairs & would not send his bales on board the ship notwithstanding they were in his house att Calcutta the President and ware-housekeeper often sent for his Gomastah and prest them very earnestly to send ym. on board but the fellow said he could not without his masters orders the broker Reced 14th. March 1702/3.

wrote Cojah Surhaud very earnestly to come down severall times and sent a boat to wait on him butt he deferred Comeing down day after day untill both the smacks were sent down the river to attend the Colechester and Wentworth for Coxes Capt^{tn}. Rouse stayed here untill the day before the ship was to sail from Culphy. The primo Instant Cojah Surhaud Israel came from Hughly and wee lent him the Charles and Betty sloop and the Presidents Brigantine wch. carried about Two hundred and Fifty bales they both gott on board the ship before she left sago and delivered the bales but Cojah Surhaud who ffollowed in a long boat with a deck meeting with a little bad weather would not venture into the new deeps and so gott not on board to write his Letters nor to take bills of Ladeing for the goods besides he had left the Boatswaines receipts behind him with his Gomastah to follow in a Country boat two or three days after which was not able to proceed without great danger.

So farr as wee can learn the occasion of this misfortune was Cojah Surhauds hopes of four hundred bales of hendoston merchants goods that was every day expected from Pattana in Hughly and he thought that in case the bales were not sent on board which were in Calcutta wee would nott give the Capt^{tn}. orders to sail according to Contract but by permitting the ship to stay one day or two at Culphy the springs would sett in so strong that she must of necessity have stayed eight or ten dayes longer for when he left this place the second Instant he depended so much upon persuadeing Capt^{tn}. Rouse to stay after he had gott on board by weighty reasons that he wrote to hughly to the hendeston Merchants to send their goods to Culphy for he would gett Vessels to Carry them from thence to Sago but he was disapointed and although wee are sorry for it not knowing what trouble the Captain and Gentlemen may have at Gombroon yett Coja Surhaud is rightly served considering that twas by his means the Turk did nott lade six or seaven hundred bales whom wee were first contracting with and resented the thing so ill that after Cojah Surhaud had hired y^{e}. ship he would not put one bale on board her but sent them for Surratt on moores shipping Cojah Surhaud Demainding more freight of him then wee have done.

If there arrise any disputes on the ships return to Fort S^{t}. George youll find that it hath not been our faults and Capt^{tn}. Rouse hath hitherto dischargd his Duty and deported himselfe very well unto them.

Wee have news from Suratt and Pattana that the Mogulls Husbollhoocum for free trade to the hatemen are arrived there Copy of which comes Inclosed M^{r}. Redshaw &c^{ta}. are getting in the twelve thousand maunds of salt petre detained last year and wee are sending them a Bill of Exchange to receive Ten Thousand Rupees in Pattana to give them creditt to Provide eight Thousand more in twelve Thousand maunds so that you may expect a plentifull supply the next year.

Wee are of opinion the Husbolhoocum for Trade is arrived Dhacca because the Duan makes propositions to the Two English Companys French & Dutch to permitt their trade to go forward in case each of them will present the prince with Twenty Thousand Rupees, S^{r}. Edward Littleton &c^{ta}. advices they are willing to bee at a reasonable expence to have an order of Trade wee know not what they Terme so haveing fflung away Ten Thousand already without hopes of benefitt butt wee have returned answer that we will be at no expence to putt the Mogulls orders in execution but in case the Prince doth authorize trade to go forward as formerly when our Masters Ships arrives wee will make him a present of rarities &c^{ta}.

The 11th. Instant M^{r}. Halsey left this place to dispatch ship Wentworth from Coxes wee detained her some time for one hundred Bales of Raw silk expected from Cassimbazar and wee were unwilling she should sail without it bearing so great a prise in England her Invoice amounts to Three hundred Thirty five thousand four hundred Rupees.

Although wee have little money in cash yet the latter part of the year the eminent Merchants and some others that have gott goods are willing to lett us have them on bills of debt rather then to keep them about so that wee shall be

able to send you by this vessell and the Mary Smack upwards of two hundred Bales which wee hope may arrive before the dispatch of the Chambers considering she may not arrive with you from China untill the Beginning of this month tho' on the other hand you haveing the whole Coast Trade to yourselves this year (by the unhappy loss of the Norris) and but the Phœnix from hence it be somewhat doubted yett wee conclude these goods Cannot be unacceptable to you.

Mr. Thomas Curgenven desired leave this vacation time to Voyage for Fort St. George to visitt the Governour and some Freinds there which wee assented unto considering his Industrie in dischargeing his trust when Booke keepers Assistant here and promiseing withall to return by the Mary Smack or on the first Conveyhance which we expect he will since wee shall have occasion for him on settleing ye. subordinations after the Husbolhoocum and our Masters shipping arrives.

By this vessell comes—Coops of Geese and—Goats and shall send more by the Mary Smack.

Wee have ordered the examination of Mr. Trenchfeilds accts. and shall send it by next vessell.

One of the new Companys Vessells passing by this place Brings news that the Bengall Merchant was dispatched from Coxes three or four days since wth. near seaven hundred Bales of goods the Upton Galley is at Hughly and may be dispatched from thence sometime this month being about one hundred and Fifty Tonns burthen and all this is done out of a stock of one hundred Thirty and seaven Chests of Treasure besides broad Cloth Lead &cta. and Twelve Chests of Treasure remains of last years besides as they affirm and Sr. Edward Littleton &cta. expected 70 or 80 Chests of silver By the Norris for the Bay Stock.

There is a Difference between Sr. Edward Littleton and councill who charge him in common discourse with many ill practices espetially what acted with Muttradass which being none of our buiseness shall not Trouble you with perticulars.

This sloop Charles and Betty built upon the Frame sent us ℘ Ship Anna from England wee send you laden with Petre and Bale goods to remain at Fort St. George it being Consistant with our Masters orders as youll find by Copie of a Parragraph in their letter by ship Wentworth sent you Inclosed ye. William and Mary Smacks being sufficient to supply our occasions whilst our Masters order ships up the River which we are apt to beleive they will continue dureing the Warrs.

Inclosed comes Mr. Harris his bill of Ladeing and the Invoice of what ship on board amounting to 22327 Rupees. We are.

Your most humble Servants

John Beard.
Jonan. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

Fort William in
Bengall ye. 15th. February 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

They had no room in the Charles & Betty sloop to Carry goats and Geese.

A List of the Pacquett to Fort St. George ℘ Charles and Betty Sloop.

No. 1. Fort William Generall dated 15th. February 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

2. Copy of Fort William Generall.
3. Invoice and } of Sloop Charles and Betty.
4. Bill of Ladeing } of Sloop Charles and Betty.
5. A Paragraph of ye. Rt. Honble. Compa. Letter ℘ Wentworth.
6. Copy of Captn. Rouse his dispatch.
7. Copy of Fort Willm. Genll. to Gombroon ℘ Colechester.
8. Copy of the Contract.
9. Impress money pd. ye. Mastr. &cta. of ye. Charles and Betty Sloop.

10. A List of Stores on board the Charles and Betty Sloop.
11. Copy of ye. Kings ordr. to Pattana for free Trade.
12. A List of the Pacquett.

No. 23

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. English East India Compa. and Governour of Fort St. George &cta. Councill.

Srs.

Recd 24th. March 1703 ℔ Mary Smack.

The Inclosed is what wrote by the Chales and Betty Sloop which vessell wee have detained two or three days longer to sail in Companie with the Mary Smack considering the lateness of the year and the Experience Mr. Adams hath in the passage beyond what Thomas Harris can pretend to.

Herewith comes Bill of Ladeing and Invoice of what Shipt on board the Smack with second Bill of Ladeing and abstract of the Invoice of what shipt on board the Charles and Betty both amounting to Ruppees 65629 which wee hope will safely arrive wth. your honour &cta.

The Charles and Betty sloop being ordered by our masters to remain on the Coast wee beleive you have no occasion for the Mary smack wherefore Intreat your early dispatching her from Fort St. George for wee have onely the William Smack here which wants sheathing and fitting and must be done at Ballasore after the return of the Mary hither for wee shall not part with her hence untill the Mary returns and then there will be but a short time for repairing the William Smack before we may reasonably expect the Arrivall of our Masters shipping and wee would willingly have her ready and in Ballasore road to attend the shipping upon their arrivall or to come away with the Treasure.

In case you have Rupees coined please to Send Sixty or Seaventy Thousand by her or one Thousand Chests of Coppar if the China ship is returned in failure thereof Fifteen or Twenty Allomgerey Pagodas but rather then not to have her early returned to us please to dispatch her empty or with what ffreight may offer within Ten or Twelve days this wee hope may meet with your approbation for the reasons above given.

Wee would have sent more salt petre by this Vessell but tis not to be procured at six Rupees ℔ maund the Dutch buying up large quantities upon the arrivall of a ship from Batavia which brought advices of warrs being in Europe wee doubt not but wt. hath been sent will supply your occasions this year and wee expect the Companies early from Pattana in August.

We send Ten Casks of Red Lead to help Kintilage the Smack and on the Charles and Betty was sent ye. white lead and Lynseed Oyle wrote for.

Wee have not received the Account Currant of your Presidency these two last years which made us beleive that it agreed with what sent you from hence if there is any error when yors. arrives wee shall rectifie ours thereby.

Wee would have sent some goats wch. ye. steward had provided by this vessell but Mr. Adams saith he cannot find rome for them carrying his water and Cables upon Deck.

The upton Galley remains yet 'at hughly and S^r^. Edward Littleton &c^ta^. think not of dispatching the Tankerviell this season for England.

Herewith comes M^r^. Trenchfeilds Accounts for severall years and acc^t^. errours as they stand in the Comp^a^. Bookes for your perusall which we hope will clear that point and for other matters wee can give no light therein here being no person in this councill that was in the country at that time excepting the President who was not then in trust or acquainted with the Companies affairs nor is there any black servants that were then writers in the warehouse liveing or to be found to be discourst about this matter more than what formerly wrote you.

Herewith comes account sale of y^e^. Gold reced by y^e^. Colchester according to desire for your satisfaction.

Upon the smack wee send John Bailey who came out upon y^e^. Wentworth soldier, prisoner to Fort S^t^. George that he may serve out y^e^. time Covenanted with y^e^. R^t^. Honble. Company in your Garrison if you think convenient he haveing given in a deposition against his officer y^e^. Ensign here that said Ensign would have hired him to shoot y^e^. Presid^nt^. upon examination of y^e^. Charge could not find circumstances to beleive y^e^. Deposition but that it proceeded from malice the Ensign haveing turned him out of his house for abuseing his Familie in his absence and therefore not fitting to serve under him. Wee are.

Fort William in Bengall
the 18th. of February 1702/3.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.
Your most humble servants

John Beard.
Jonа^n^. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

The Gold was disposed off to y^e^. Merchants at the rate of Thirty one Rupees four annas ₱ ounce standard by nearest calculation.

Idem J.B.
J.W.
R.S.
J.R.

P.S.

John Bailey is paid his wages to the last Instant Cap^tn^. Benjamin Rouse haveing occasion for his Charterparty money wee have paid it to him and sent his receipt for England.

Herewith comes a List of Freight goods put on board this Vessell for Madrass.

Idem
John Beard.
Johnathan White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

A List of the Pacquet ₱ the Mary Smack.

N°. 1. Fort William Generall dated y^e^. 18th. February 170⅔.
2. Fort William Ditto ₱ y^e^. Charles & Betty Sloop 15th. Ditto.
3. Invoice and } of the Mary Smack.
4. Bill of Ladeing }
5. Second Bill of Ladeing of the Charles and Betty Sloop.
6. Abstract of the Charles and Bettys Cargoe.
7. Account of Stores belonging to the Mary Smack.
8. Richrd. Trenchfeilds Accounts Currant from May 84 to Aprill 91.
9. Dittos Acct. Errors as stands in the Comp^a^. Bookes.

10. A List of freight Goods.
11. A List of the Charles and Bettys Pacquett.
12. Ditto of the Mary Smacks Pacquett.

No. 24

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^{t}.
Honble. English East India Comp^{a}.
and Governour of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{ta}. Councill.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{ta}.

Rec^{d} 29th. March 1708. Wee being informed M^{r}. Samuell Woolstone was prepareing himself to go on board a vessell belonging to the new Companys Carpenter bound for Bengall wee sent M^{r}. Faucett to make our application to the Phousdar to stop him which he accordingly did on y^{e}. 17th. Inst^{nt}. but Perra the New Companys Dubash makeing his Complaints that if Woolston was Indebted to y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. his master would make him pay it wch. answer the Phousdar sent to us to which wee sent him word that wee could not tell to what amount Woolston was Indebted the account being at Fort S^{t}. George and cannot be adjusted till he goes thither upon wch. the Phousdar demanded a paper under our hands that Woolston was Indebted to the R^{t} Honble Comp^{a}. Perra promiseing to bring a paper under his Masters hand to make satisfaction for what should appear due to the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. upon adjusting account with said Woolston but Perra did not according to his promise bring a Paper from his Master but told the Phousdar his word was sufficient to which our Dubash declared to the Phousdar &c^{ta}. Officers that wee were not satisfied and if they permitted him to go off they must expect y^{t}. wee should make our Complaints to their supperiours for the wrong they have done our R^{t}. Honble. masters of wch. they tooke little notice haveing as wee suppose gott a present from y^{e}. other party & wee haveing nothing in our Factory to present y^{m}. with nor have not as yet made them their usuall presents wch. has been a great disadvantage to us on this affair but doe assure your hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. y^{t}. wee did use our uttmost endeavours to prevent their design of carrying him off butt last night they did gett an order from the Government to let him go of and his necessarys upon which in pursuance to your Honour &c^{tas}. orders wee did protest against y^{e}. Master of the Vessell (copy whereof comes inclosed) upon delivery of which he did declare that he was President Pitts servants and had his order for carrying him off which he was obliged to observe.

This morning, President John Pitt wth. all the Europeans belonging to him (to the number of about twenty) all armed with the Kings Flagg before them passed by our Factory and went to Woolstons house where he mett them at his Doore and they carried him to the water side where they had a boat ready mand with Europeans armed which carried him off to which wee could nott pretend to make any opposition and do hope what wee have done in this affair will meet with your honour &c^{ta}. approbation. We are,

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{ta}.
Your honours most obedient humble Servants

Metchlepatam 20th. March 1702/3.

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.

N°. 25

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
AND GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CTA.
COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

The news of the Norris wrack being seen between Carrera and Ramapatam about two months agoe by a Vessell that was bound to Madrass wee suppose your honour &cta. has had an account of the reason of our not adviseing your Honr. &cta. before of it was in hopes of getting a more particular account from the persons that saw it the being at Pettipollee and yesterday the Tandell of the Vessell arrived here who gives us the following account Vizt. That as they were Sayling between Carrera and Ramapatam toward Madrass the beginning of February they saw something at a distance floteing in the sea which a first sight could not tell what to make of (the sea haveing free passage over it) but comeing near to it plainly deserned it to be the wrack of a large ship all burnt and Could see the forepart of the ship above water and the starn post and some of the ribs but did not Come within 200 yards of it haveing never a boat. Recd. 18th. Aprill 1703.

The Tandell and Armenian that was on board was for Comeing to an anchor by it being in 10 Fathom water and lying by it all night it being six a clock at night when they discovered it but the Portuguez Pilot would not agree to it declareing that the wrack belonged to the new Company and if they shod. meddle with it the new Company would say they stole some of the Treasure out of her so they took no farther notice of it but made the best of their way towards Madrass but the winds proving contrary could gett no farther than Charea coal point where they lay near a month and then returned to Pettipollee but did not see the wrack as they came back.

Upon this news the new Company immediately sent away an Englishman to Pettipollee to make farther inquiry of the Portuguez Pilot and Armenian and has carryed them to Ramapatm. to shew him where they saw the wrack and have also sent Pero C Dubash and this day President Pitt Mr. Tiller and severall of ye. Compa. servants sett out for Ramapatam and have taken into their service Eight Topazes soldiers and some Peons to go with them which makes a great noise in Town they haveing not as wee can hear received any further advices of the wrack nor from their people which are gone to Ramapatam but wee are of opinion what makes President Pitt in such haste to go from hence is Rustundell Cawne being within Ten Leagues of this place and going to Chiceocull and expected here in few days.

Wee have severall times advised your honr. &cta. of Rustundell Cawnes comeing here and also for things proper for Presents for want of which the Phousdar and all the officers are our enemies and our Freind Mahumud Careem is at Gulcondah which gives us just cause to dread his comeing being so ill provided for him and he being of a very avaritious temper and consequently wont be satisfied with a small matter wee shall be as frugall as possible and as soon as he arrives and wee can Judge how wee are like to Come of shall advise your Honour &cta. Wee are

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.
Your honrs. most obedient humble Servants

METCHLEPATAM APRILL YE. 7TH. 1703.

STEPHEN FREWEN.
THOMAS FAUCETT.

No. 26

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. EAST INDIA COMPA. ON YE.
COAST OF CHORMANDELL AND GOVERNR.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CTA.
COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SIR &CTA.

Recd 20th. Aprill 1703.

Wee have received yours of the 29th. March and 10th. Aprill also a short Letter from Mr. Secretary dated the 30th. Ultimo Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Loading for sheathing nailes Packing stuff &cta. sent us in a Country Boat. The Drum heads are full of holes and not fitt for use and the Gunner says the Red Betteelas are so rotten as not worth makeing up so wee must be forced to return them again and request you will please to send us some more by the first opportunity for wee have but one Flagg to the staff that fitt to hoyst.

If Gunner Atkinson has received the wages for the two Europe men belonging to sloop Expedition they say he has not as yet remitted it them the sloop is in a good forwardness and hope shall be able to gett her over the barr the next new moon her Bottom is extreamly well repaired and may be a serviceable vessell to the Company for many years as soon as wee receive your honour &cta. orders she shall be dispatched from hence with as many bales of the Companys as she can carry wee bought no more sheathing plank then wee thought necessary for her use which Cost us Twenty Pagodas a hundred and but Thirty four Timbers of 22 to 24 foot long and about seaven Inches thick which cost us Pags. 1¼ a peice of which if your Honour &cta. please to have any sent you pray advise for Aver Mercon has requested us to spare him Ten for which he is to give a Pagoda and halfe.

Wee shall not fail punctually to comply with your Honour &cta. orders for sorting cloth in the next Investment and use our utmost endeavours to bring the Merchants to the lowest terms possible Inclosed comes the state of their account by which your honour &cta. will perceive what number of bales wee have in a readiness with their amount what quantitie of cloth is at the washers and in the Merchants Godowns which wee shall gett in and embaled as farr as possible that they may be in a readiness to be sent you upon such ships as you shall please to order.

By your permission wee have this day given our Bill to the merchants on your Honr. &cta. for Twenty Thousand Pagodas Payable to Racanada Chittee and Oangemonaidou att six days sight out of which the Honourable President will receive wt. due to him from our Merchant and by the state of their account you will perceive there remains a Considerable Ballance so that they have not been so plentifully supplied as you are pleased to express or is accustomary the delays of which since your honour &cta. are no ways Jealous will be prejuditiall to a future Investment its plain the Company have the advantage thereby as soon as your merchants bring in Long cloth wee shall have it Dyed of the deepest colour according to the Company's orders but then it will cost nine Pagodas a Corge dyeing.

Your honour &cta. Instructions which was brought by the present Deputy Governour has been complied with, with all the exactest care wee possibly could and if youll please to turn back to our Letter of the 22d. January last youll find wee gave you an account that there was no other goods Landed out of ye. Loyall Cooke then two hundred and Fifty Chests of Coppar wch. has paid the Companys permission and Custome to the Customer of Tevenapatam in the month of Octobr. last and by him again repaid into the Rt. Honble. Compa. cash when his monthly
Fa. Cash
accounts were past which amounted to Pagodas 421. 15. 36 The monthly expence of the Generall Table is particularly entered in the Cash which has been Transmitted

you to December last Inclosed your honour &c^{ta}. will receive each monthly expence to the expiration of last month which does not amount to above one halfe expended by the Deputy Governours Predecessors he manages it wth. all the good husbandry he is Capable of and hopes to meritt your applause upon perusing the account. The money overpaid him &c^{ta}. in Commission upon the Loyall Cooke is again repaid into the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Cash according to the account rece^{d}. from your honour &c^{ta}. particulars of which now comes inclosed.

Since your honour &c^{ta}. cannott send us any Culverin Ordnance wee shall make use of what can be spared from the Fort But they will not be sufficient for the new work thats now carrying on at Cuddalore.

Since your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. are pleased to direct that what goods come here to be sold if first Landed with you must pay the Custome there wee must acquiess and thô wee agree it is all one to the Company yet if what goods come from your Port was to pay custom here it would be much our advantage Because wee receive Twenty times the value by Certificate of what is returned from this Port to yours in the same manner.

The Deputty Governour acknowledges the Favour he rece^{d}. from the Honble. President of the news papers from Aleppo and Spawhaune which adviseing that England is a principall in y^{e}. warr with the Emperour and Dutch against France and Spain has Induced us to put this Garrison in the best posture of defence wee could and all things are in as good readiness as our circumstances will admitt and since your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. cannot spare us any Europe men wee shall do the best wee can with those few we have if occasion requires.

According to your Honour &c^{ta}. Instructions wee shall lett M^{r}. Haynes have two or three of the silk winders to instruct his people he obligeing himselfe that what silk he makes will dispose of to the Comp^{a}. at the markett price hitherto wee have been able to doe little therein for want of the silk winders to Instruct our people and Food for the Worms But now wee have taken in a large peice of ground and are planting it with Mulberry shrubs near Mange Copang which wee think the proprest place for these people to inhabitt being within the reach of our Gunns which will be a security to what silk they shall make Our wormes thrive well and the silk they produce very good and if wee can perswade a number of people here to be instructed in this Trade wee doubt not but in time to bring this business to perfection.

Ramadas the Juncaneer of Boomepollam has released our Peons but gives out that no person belonging to the English with Letters or anything else shall pass by his Juncan and that if wee order any to take in the wood wee have lyeing there wee must pay for the same notwithstanding its paid for already or make him a Considerable present, he has lately been very Troublesome to the French and has sold four hundred ox load of Paddy they had comeing into Pollicherry for which wee hear they Intend him the same Treatment they formerly shewed one of his Predicessors which wee hope they will perform being near neighbours and ease us the Trouble of doeing our selves Justice.

In ours to your Honour &c^{ta}. bearing date the 3^{d}. December last wee gave you a full account of Narra Reddees Buiseness some of the partners have paid some shears and some have promised payment in few days others have lain in prison a long while being either not able or not willing to pay their proportions which is the onely means wee have to make them comply for they have neither houses or goods to seize upon to make satisfaction.

Persuant to your Honour &c^{ta}. Direction wee have delivered the Presidents Commission to W^{m}. Owen to be second Ensigne of the first Company of Foot Soldiers of this Garrison for which he returns his humblest Thanks and promisses a Faithfull Discharge of his Duty.

M^{r}. Richard Farmer keeping the Stewards account till the ultimo of October last the Ballance of which is Four Hundred Seaventy Five Pagodas Thirty Five

Fanams and one Cash which he alledges was a Ballance left by Mr. Bawgus his predicessor in the month of Aprill 1701 which appearing by said account under Mr. Bawgus owne hand wee think Mr. Bawgus chargeable therewith which wee advise because Mr. Bawgus being at Madrass your Honour &cta. may take such methods for recovery of the Companys money as you think best.

Mr. Skingle being very much troubled with Fitts desires leave to returne to Madrass to seek For remedy Mr. Nelthorpe also desires leave to go to Madrass to request your Honr. &cta. to lay downe the Companys service and to return for England and wee not haveing hands here sufficient to do the Companys buiseness desire your Honour &cta. will please to send us Two or three hands who write good hands, by the First Oppertunity. Wee remain,

Honble. Sr. &cta.

Your most obedient humble Servants

Cuddalore Ye. 15th. Aprill 1703.

Gabriell Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd. Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
Trevor Games.
John Berlu.

No. 27

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. East India Company
and Govr. of Fort St. George
and St. David &cta. Councill.

Srs.

Recd. ye. pmo May 1703.

Our last to your Honr. &cta. was datd. the 15th. past, since which wee have received yours of the 20th. adviseing that the Nabob with his Camp was removed to the southward of Arcott wee keep a strict watch upon his motions at present he is at Manaloore pata about Ten Gentue Leagues distance from this place where wee hear he Intends to remain to receive the Tributes from the King of Tanjore and the Queen of Trigonopoly. As yet he has made no demands upon us But wee are fearfull he will upon his return when wee shall be carefull to give him the answer you direct & have all things in this Garrison in as good a readiness as possible for our defence in case he gives us any trouble.

This Your Honr. &cta. will receive by the President Captn. Thomas Greenhaughe Commander on whom by your permission wee have Laden Three Hundred and sixty bales belonging to the Rt. Honble. Company particulars as ℔ the Inclosed Bill of Loading wee have also Laden on board sloop Expedition seaventy Three bales she is well repaired and hope she will be a serviceable vessell to the Company

for many years Invoice for said goods as also an account of the sloops Charge of repairing shall be sent your Honour &cta. in our next so heartily wishing them to arrive with you in safety, Wee subscribe.

Honble. Sir &cta.
Your Most Humble Servant

Fort St. David
Aprill ye. 29th. 1703.

Gabriell Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmund Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
Trevor Games.
John Berlu.

No. 28

Bombay Castle March ye. 13th. 170⅔.

Honble. Sir &cta.

The Generall and Councill ordering us to forward to you the account sailes of Mr. Daniell Dubois Effects left here this serves to Inclose the same from (Recd. ye. 3d. May 1703 ℘ Ship Ruparile.)

Your Honr. &cta.
Very Humble servants

John Burniston.
William Aislabie.
Benjamin Stacey.

No. 29

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. Govr. and Compa. of Merchts.
of London Tradeing to the East
Indies &cta. Councill
att Fort St. George.

Honble. Sir &cta.,

Wee wrote you last under the 27th. of November Duplicate of which hath been since forwarded by another armenian conveyhance since which on the 5th. of the past month wee recd. yours of the 16 Septembr. and 9th. November with copyes of what you wrote us under the 16th. and 18th. July and what other papers were mentioned to be Inclosed your Originalls of the 28th. Aprill 16th. and 18th. July never came to our hands nor the Copy of the former nor any other originall dated the 15th. February till that before mentioned of the 16th. September which wee recd with that of ye. 9th. November as before mentioned. (Recd. ye. 3 May 1703 ℘ Ruparle.)

Wee thank you for the account you have given us of Affairs in England and India.

Wee do not perceive by all you have wrote us that the restraint on your Trade was taken of but wee hope it is since by the Kings orders for that tis done in all these parts and as wee wrote you in our last wee were credibly informed that when orders were issued here and at Amadavad and all others places of our Investment the same were issued out for your part Bengall and all places of the Kings Dominions.

Wee are glad to hear of the safe arrivall of the Loyall Cooke and Phœnix with you the ill Treatment the Comander of the latter gave his passingers wee beleive hath cost the Rt. Honble. Company at least Forty Thousand Rupees in the Freight of the Loyall Bliss and Nathaniell from Persia which ships arrived here about the 11th. of December.

Wee take notice of what you write concerning the Padrees misinforming us our former Vukeel did us good service till Abdull Guffrees complaint of his Ships being robbed in the south seas reached the Camp which was as long as wee had occasion to combat with our adversaries afterwards he proved rogue enough but wee hope we have found out wages and means to be pretty even with him he spared your Vacqueell by our orders rupees [*lacuna*] of which wee think wee formerly advised you wee have occasion to keep our vacqueel that wee wrote you about in our last sometime longer at Court if you have occasion you may make use of him as wee then wrote you.

The Copy of your Letter from the Consull at Grand Cairo with the Letters mentioned for Messrs. Wheeler and Cockroft and all other papers sent us with yours of the 18th. July are miscarryd.

By what wee have already mentioned of the Bliss and Nathaniell youll perceive that they mett with better success then the Susanna & Rhebow wee don't yett hear of the formers arrivall in Persia and the latter was lost on the Chagoes in her way thither.

Sr. Nicholas Broker lately wrote him that he had agreed with Enattula Cawne for a Phirmaund on the Terms Sr. William Norris would have agreed with Yar Allebeague which was reported to be two lack of Rupees to which our Vacqueel writes Sr. Nicholas answered that he would not be at the Charge of a Phirmaund therefore he required him to come away without one which he adds that the Broker accquainted Annattula Cawne with his Mrs. orders who was very angry and refused to lett him come away.

An Act of oblivion being agreed on between both Companys wee will not foule our peons any more with the Crimes of our adversaries.

You were advised by our last Letters genll. or particular that the Speaker was cast away on the Island Maritious where the prosperous is gone wee dont as yett know.

If any ships goes from hence to your Port this year wee will send you garden seeds & salloes the former shall be packed as you desire and wee will send you wheat likewise if the Government will permitt us so to do which wee do not expect for that by reason of the excessive and unseasonable rains this year and the destruction of grain by the Sevagee army the price is advanced here abot. three or four hundred ℔ Cent already wee know of no ships that went from hence to your Coast last year One Dane one Armenian ship and the adventure when the two former sailed wee were Invironed with horse and foot and Could not gett bread to eat and the owners of the other ship did not think it would quitt their Cost to send the Vessell to you except they could reap the markett price for what she carried and they did not order Mr. Thompson to exact more and wee presume the Freighters of the Phœnix tooke the same Liberty, elce you would not have had occasion to have requested us to order you wine Fruit &cta. from Persia at a Cheaper rate.

Wee shall be gladd to hear that notwithstanding the misfortune the Aurunzeb mett with near Batavia she remains in a Capacity to perform her voyage wee begin now to expect to hear of her arrivall on this Coast wee observe what you write concerning Messrs. Catchpoole and Loyd and their Settlement att Chusan but are not at all amazed with their magnifying mole hills to the magnificience of mountains.

All news sent us by the Honble. Presid^{t}. in particular Letters hath been in the same manner thankfully acknowledged wee have according to the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. orders proclaimed her Majesty in all their settlements on this Coast with the utmost solemnity.

Wee heartily wish the Loyall Cooke and Hampshire a prosperous voyage and safe return to our masters and have by the Loyall Bliss and Nathaniel sent them copyes of what you wrote us concerning their affairs.

Wee hope the Kings orders is long ere this arrived Bengall for takeing off the restraint on trade there wee did about the same time wee sent you Copyes of his orders to this Governour on that account transmitt the same to them and have since forwarded another copy so that we hope their Port was opened time enough for the Ladeing what ships under their managements.

What Effects M^{r}. Dubois left at Bombay wee have ordered to be sold at publique outcry and the produce to be put into the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Cash and brought to your creditt and account of which wee hope to send you by next conveyhance wee are Informed from thence that what he left in trust with M^{r}. Broome was to satisfie him for what money he paid in England to satisfie the R^{t}. Honble. Companys first demands according to Contract as appears by papers under M^{r}. Dubois's hands therefore its our presents thought that nothing of that can be appropriated towards the Discharge of his Debts.

What money of M^{r}. Harbins was attackd in President Beards hands must be secured for that he hath not discharged his debt to the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. concerning which John Gayer wrote said President if he mistakes not from Bombay and repeat y^{e}. same by next conveyhance.

Your Pacquet to Agent Owen and M^{r}. Bruce shall be carefully forwarded by first conveyance with our orders to require them to Comply with what you have wrote them wee will Likewise order them to send you y^{e}. quantity of wine, Fruit &c^{ta}. you desire as for horses wee believe twill be needless for that wee have wrote them severall times to send us some for presents and their answer that they cannott procure such as wee want.

Wee never expected that what was taken from us and the Dutch by this Government would be restored till force makes them relinquish their Interest in the security papers to effect which wee have neither men ships nor orders and thô the Dutch are Intrusted with both at Batavia they don't seem to be Inclined to make use thereof.

Haveing answered yours wee proceed to give you an account of what news wee have from Europe and of occurrences here.

Copys of all materiall of the former with Copy of our M^{rs}. Letter to us forwarded by overland conveyhance is inclosed to wch. wee desire youll be referred.

The Loyall Bliss and Nathaniell sailed for England from Bombay the 11th. Instant being ordered to stop a day or two at Carwarr to take in some pepper to compleat their Ladeing for want of shipping to bring itt up from thence their Cargoes will amount to above five Laack of Rupees which is Considerable more then they brought us the same day they sailed from Bombay the Arrabian Merchant let for 133 Tonns to the new Company that have lain here about Five months sailed from this part for England wee are not certain what her Cargoe amounts to but suppose about sixty Thous^{d}. Rupees.

The 19th. of the past month arrived the Albimarle this Port from Bussera and Persia when S^{r}. Nicholas Waite will dispatch wee do not yett know. Thô. she hath been almost three years out of England when she came from Persia the Susanna was not arriv^{d}. there.

The french ship that came out to this Coast this year hath been down a Callicutt and taken in abo^{t}. five hundred Candys of Pepper were they heard the news of the warr which made them hast away to Goa where she lieth under alquando Castle their Chief wee believe designes to send the remainder of her Cargoe thither on Portuguez vessells but she will in probability be a winter ship.

The 4th. Instant the Savajees came against this Citty with an army of about 7 or 8000 Thous^{d}. horse besides Foot who robbed and burnt allmost all the Towns and Villages round about for a considerable space but did not attempt anything against y^{e}. walls of the Citty thô a great many people flying out of it became a prey to them tis thought that they have carryed away in money Jewells and fine goods to the amount of Ten Laack of Rupees besides w^{t}. they have distroyed by fire but they are now gone as wee beleive without design to return again this year.

The Armenian ship from your Port arriv'd here about the beginning of last month.

Yesterday wee were advised from Bombay of the arrival of a particular subscription ship there commanded by one Leckey late Chirurgeon to the Island what her Cargoe or Burthen is or were [*sic*] she is designed wee dont yett hear but she hath been at S^{t}. Lawrence & from thence to Acheen were she mett the sloop Expediti^{n}. run away with by her mate from Bencoolen Copy of a declaration of two of the men belonging to the Garrison that was on board her and brought from acheen to Bombay by Cap^{tn}. Leekey is inclosed.

The R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{a}. and the executors of M^{r}. Edward North deceased who formerly served y^{e}. Comp^{a}. at Anjengo have wrote us to receive all his Effects into their Cash and draw Bills on them for the amounts payable to foresaid Executors sopposeing all his estate was of this India but their being Pagodas Five hundred and eleven and Twenty Fanams in the hands of M^{r}. Thomas Wright one of your Councill wee desire youll receive that summe into the R^{t}. Honble. Companys Cash with you and that youll draw First second and Third Bills on them payable to Messrs. Edwrd. and Hugh North in London for the value and that youll deliver said Bills to M^{r}. Wright that he may forward one of them to England ꝑ first Conveyhance.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{TA}.

SURAT FEB^{RY}. THE 20TH. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

Your very Humble servants

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
EDWARD BENDALL.
BERNARD WYCHE.

Wee have kept these Pattamars in expectation of our M^{rs}. Ships from England, but haveing no news of the arrivall of any to this day wee now dispatch them to whom we have paid in part of their hire five Rupees which wee desire youll deduct out of their pay.

Wee hear the Houland and Regard left England in July.

A LIST OF THE PACQUETT FEB^{RY}. THE 21ST. 1703.

N°. 1. Surrat Generall to Fort S^{t}. George dated y^{e}. 20th. Febr^{y}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

2. The Comp^{a}. Generall to Suratt dated y^{e}. 14th. May 1702.

3. Copy of M^{r}. Harveys Letter of News to Agent Owen dated Alipo the 6th. August 1702.

4. A List of alterations made by the Queen.

5. Two papers of news.

6. Copy of a declaration Concerning the Expedition sloop dated Bombay the 3^{d}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

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No. 30

To the Hono^ble^. Thom^s^. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^t^. for Affaires of the R^t^.
Hono^ble^. East India Comp^a^. on y^e^.
coast of Chormandell and Govr. of
Fort S^t^. George and S^t^. David &c^a^.
Councill.

Hono^ble^. Sir &c^a^.

Our last to your honour &c^a^. bore date the 29th. ultimo and accompanied Two bills Loading for Four hundred thirty three bales belonging to the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Company Loaden on board ship President & Sloope Expedition which wee hope it hath pleased God to arrive with you in safety Invoice for said goods comes inclosed. Reced 3d. May 1703 ℔ Ship Ruparle.

The chief purport of this is to request yor. honour &c^a^. wont faile to remitt us some money by the first oppertunity or permitt us to draw it on you for the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Comp^s^. cash is at a Ballance and wee have no money to pay last months wages and defray y^e^. necessary expences of the Garrison.

Wee think it absolutely necessary at y^s^. Juncture to lay in a small store of paddy which is now indifferent and cheap and can be always measured out to the servants and Peons again at the Buzar price for it's more then probable upon Doud Cawnes returne from the southward but he will give us some trouble and hinder provisions comeing into this place and unless wee have a store of paddy and other provisions to supply the soldiery and servants in case of necessity it may prove of ill consequence. We are.

Fort S^t^. David
May the 2^d^. 1703.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
your most obedient servants

Gabriell Roberts.
John Haynes.
Edm^d^. Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
Trevor Games.

No. 31

To the Hono^ble^. Thom^s^. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^t^. for Affaires of the R^t^.
Hono^ble^. East India Comp^a^. on the
coast of Chormandell & Governour
of Fort S^t^. George and S^t^. David
&c^a^. Councill.

Hono^ble^. Sir &c^a^.

Our last to your hon^r^. &c^a^. was dated the 2^d^. Instant ℔ ship Ruparell and accompanied Two Invoices for Four hundred thirty three bales belonging to the R^t^. hono^ble^. Company sent you ℔ ship President and sloope expedition which wee hope has pleased God to arrive you in safety. Reced 9th. May 1703 ℔ Conjeveron.

Inclosed your honour &c^a^. will receive Invoice and Bill of Loading for Twenty three bales Laden on board ship Conjeveron and also one box marked with the Companys mark Containing copyes of the generall books of y^s^. Garrison Letters B D F & M with Copys of our Consultations and Diary to the Ult^o^. Decem^r^. last.

On the 2^{d}. Instant arriv'd here the Sumatra sloop from York Fort Thomas Hounson Master who departed thence the 27th. February she brought heither a box directed To the Hono^{ble}. President and Councill of Fort S^{t}. George which comes by this conveyance the M^{r}. advises us that the Union a ship belonging to the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company comeing late out of England and ordered to touch at S^{t}. Hellena had lost her passage to China and falling in at the West Coast had taken in pepper there and bound for your place & that she would be ready to sail in few dayes after the sloope so conclude she may be arrived before this.

Wee are in great want of all sorts of packing stuff which we request you will please to send us by the first oppertunity that presents. Wee are

Fort S^{t}. David
May the 6th. 1703.

Hono^{ble}. Sir &c^{a}.
your most humble servants

Gabriell Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm^{d}. Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
T^{r}. Games.
Jno. Berlu.

N°. 32

To the Hono^{ble}. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t}. and Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}.
George &c^{a}. Councill.

May it please yor. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Recd 9th. May 1703 ꝑ Sloop Sumatra.

1. Wee have received your honour &c^{as}. ꝑ ship Bencoolen and Hampshire of the 19th. June with two Postcrips [*sic*] of the 9th. and 25th. July and 12th. October last the former came to hands y^{e}. 10th. October and the latter the 7th. December last past to which wee come now to respond.

2. Wee have been so full in our Generall to the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company ꝑ ship Hampshire copy whereof comes inclos'd to which Referr to avoid needless repetitions.

3. By the Hampshire have sent the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company a List of the severalls wanted here and hope a supply thence ꝑ first, since as your honour &c^{a}. observe we may be furnished from thence on much easier termes.

4. Of Rupees Fanams and copper cash for these parts the quantity wee Judge may be sufficient for y^{e}. pres^{t}. is vizt.

Rupees to the amount of Dollars	3000
Fanams	2000
Ditto for the Northward	5000
Coppar Cash	3000

which intreat may be sent ꝑ first and if mexico Doll^{rs}. be not in any quantity procureable desire pillar in their stead which if weighty question not on an Emergency to putt off for pepper.

5. Wee herewith send copy of Capt. Phrips memorandums in relation to Jubang to wch. humble refeer [*sic*].

6. Wee hope our masters will not blame us for the pepper spared the Anne since nothing but an absolute necessity could ever have induced to make such a trespass on their honours orders.

7. That wee have no news of the John and Mary who sailed hence the 11th. July last with a Loading of pepper is very surprising wee are apt to beleive she may have been drove by your port and so obliged to goe to Bengall Copy of her Invoice is now sent.

8. The Sarum sailing from Bengall presume has no orders to touch at Nayas therefore as Opportunity offers shall endeavour to get slaves from thence.

9. For the Liquors sent ℔ Ship Bencoolen render our due acknowledgements.

10. Wee shall be very punctuall to observe orders and now whilst writing have almost compleated the Hampshires Loading and have little reason to doubt the having pepper sufficient to come in so as to dispatch her a full ship to our Masters within the Limits of charterparty time which expires the 30th. Instant.

11. Ship Sarum not being yet arrived dispair of dispatching her with pepper for the homeward bound shipping tho' wee had it ready in our godowns here.

12. The pepper sent by the John and Mary was very well garbled by an Engine lately made as is also what now sent ℔ ship Hampshire insomuch that the Commanders and officers affirm that the Lading of it is no manner of Fatigue to their people which used to be so troublesome.

13. In our dispatch to Capt. Tovey shall follow the method prescribed in your honour &cas. to Capt. Boulton.

14. Ship Union imported here the 18th. December past sailing out of the Downes ye. 8th. March 170½ by whom reced a Generall from the Rt. Honoble. Company copy whereof comes inclosed After taking in what pepper wee can procure for them they designe for Fort St. George thence for China they were unwilling to go for Bantall for pepper there so having formerly promised the Commander and SupraCargoe of the Bencoolen a loading of pepper hoping she would have reached the Coast time enough Eré ye. homeward bound ships sailed for Europe and now Judging ye. Countenance of a ship to be very necessary to the Northward wee have permitted them to purchase pepper there they paying the Rt. honoble. Companys stated customes due thereon and during their stay there to be Assisting to the Chief and Councill with their ship and men as the Rt. honoble. Comps. occasions shall require and that the pepper they shall carry over the Rt. Honourable Company are to have ye. refusall.

15. Wee have laden on board the Hampshire pepper black Bahars 640 which with ye. goods continued on her compleats 380 Tonns copy of the Invoice by her is inclosed.

16. Having lately made Capt. John Vernon a Factor wee have appointed him youngest of Councill at Bantall and Leivetenant of Soldiers there whereby gaining experience in those parts hope he will be very capable of doing the Rt. Honoble. Compa. very good service there and in consideration of Ensign Trohocks long and Faithfull service in peace and warr and always behaved himselfe bravely for his incouragement wee have given him a Leivetenants Commission and therein hope your honour &cas. approbation wee have also given an Ensignes Comisn. to Mr. Thoms. Powell writer and hope he will deserve it.

17. The padre of the Theatim [*sic*] order seems to be well qualified for his function your honour &cas. contract with him wee shall take care duly to comply with.

18. To advise the age of pepper is no way practicable for in the first place tis not ye. planters usually who bring it in but the Mallays who goe up into the country to purchase it in small parcells of severall people and of different ages which is promiscuosly mixt and brought down hither so that all wee can do is to ask them how old their pepper is which perhaps they may or may not know the former being admitted the pepper of different ages must be kept seperate and wee never have in our godownes a quantity but what is of different crops sometimes occasion'd by the badness of the barrs, especially those at ye. No.ward where wee have pepper of three or four severall crops afterwards if it answers any end

y^{e}. pepp^{r}. whose age wee do come to the knowledge of must be kept seperate likewise on board wch. would be a vast hindrance to the stowage of a ship wee can and do appeal to any man that has been upon and had any experience of this Coast for the Justification of our Assertion herein.

19. The redwood for stakes wee have taken out to be ready for the use designed.

20. Our Accomptant now having reasonable assistance hopes to bring up the generall bookes so as to transmitt them ꝑ first Opportunity he has been for the most part very sickly which together with the want of assistance has occasioned their being so far behind hand to our no small regrett.

21. It has been usuall for such of the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Comp^{as}. servants as would transport themselves hither being in Fort S^{t}. George Writers for their incouragement to be made Factors which M^{r}. Thomas Greaves being ignorant of humbly referrs his case to your hono^{r}. &c^{as}. consideration.

22. Wee should have Complyed with your orders in sending grass seed could wee have been able to get any quantity what others may say that goe from hence wee know not but affirm that wee cannott see any but what generally sticks to our cloaths w^{n}. walking in the grass wee beleive that Twenty men at one Suco ꝑ Diem which is the hire of cooleys here would not be able to gather a Bushell in a week.

23. Java horses here are not procureble we know of no other way but to write to Batavia a Letter to be left there directed to the Command^{r}. of any ship bound to this Port or Fort S^{t}. George Requesting him to buy and bring them for us according to your honour &c^{as}. description which shall not faile to do ꝑ first good conveyance.

24. Wee are very sorry to understand there should be such a report as that the Deputty Governour and Two or three more monopolize the trade of this place to themselves wee know not of any such practices every man being free to buy and sell as he pleaseth which priviledge hope wee have an equall Right to we desire to know the particulars and if cannot clear ourselves herein shall most readily submitt to your honour &c^{a}. censure.

25. The two slaves invoice'd ꝑ ships Hampshire and Bencoolen were not sent aboard.

26. Wee herewith remitt your honour &c^{a}. what books and papers could get ready being as ꝑ List inclosed.

27. Wee have spoke to the sultan of y^{e}. Buggassees to send for Buggasses from Java but wee are now advised by the Union that there is neither Warr or a likelihood of it with Portugall so that if there be not occasion for them wee beleive theyl be satisfied to remain inhabitants here otherwise must allow something towards the charge of comeing and returning.

28. With the greatest deference and submission to your honour &c^{a}. in relation to our drawing bills of Exchange wee offer these following considerations.

1st. The R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company in their Generall ꝑ ship John and Mary seem very much to incourage the trade of this place by their remission of a half penny ꝑ pound on the coastom [*sic*] of pepper and should wee not be allowed as wee have occasion to remitt our Effects to the coast it will labour under the greatest Inconveniency and hardship imaginable not only in respect to ourselves but to all traders.

2dly. The current exchange is Dollars 17 for Pag^{s}. 10 which was settled when the China trade was not in such vougue as at present and consequently Dollars cheaper so that of late the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Company have been considerable gainers thereby.

3dly. What remitted supplys the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Company without running any risque.

4^{thly}. For goods sold wee r̃eceive only Fanams and copper cash not one weighty Dollar or Rupee returning to us.

5^{thly}. This place affordeth not any goods in quantity propper to send to the Coast pepper only excepted wch. in a great measure the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Company reserve to themselves by their Limitations.

6^{thly}. If wee do not draw and trade wee must of necessity return Fanams and copper cash to y^{e}. Coast which not being y^{e}. propper Coin there we cannott but in reason suppose but that they ought to be there taken by the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. as r̃eced here and wee cannott find but that all along since the First Settlement drawing of bills was rather incourag'd than prohibited by the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}.

29. In relation to promoting the increase of the pepper plantations wee have not been wanting having of late had the great Dupattys and proateens to the southward of Juntanallys country belonging to the rivers of Selumah Coonkey, Tallo, [A]llas, Pring Penoh Secoonyeh Manarr Bancannon at a publique [Bitcharr] here which countrys during their subordinacy to the King of Bantam afforded vast quantities of pepper wee have been large herein to the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Company ℘ ship hampshire to which crave referrence.

30. The making white pepper under our present Circumstances wee have fully advised in our gen^{ll}. Letter to the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company ℘ ship Madrass to be altogether impractible [*sic*].

31. Wee have gained the point as to Carcopp but not without some difficulty the Mallays being now clearing it wee have great hopes of its producing in a few years great quantities of pepper.

32. The wine License in M^{r}. Betts his time was Farmed out for 300 Doll^{rs}. ℘ annum which M^{r}. Barwell &c^{a}. not approving of by putting down all Tipling houses it never made anything since till our putting it up to publique outcry when it rented for 46 $\$^{rs}$. ℘ mensem but still the same inconveniency attended it as formerly for y^{e}. Farm^{rs}. licensing to many others to sell that twas Impossible to prevent our soldiers getting of Arrack Clandestinely to the great prejudice of their health to obviate this wee have since farm'd it out for 600 Doll^{rs}. ℘ Annum obliging the Farmer to sell only himselfe and not to license any others yet our people will get it by one means or other the time of y^{e}. License will expire in August next when after due notice given shall put it up to publique outcry which wee Judge to be the Fairest and Justest method for proceeding herein and Freest from Censure or Intreague.

33. The mistake committing in not mentioning M^{r}. Colliers bill was advised in ours ℘ Ship John & Mary entred in copy book of letters sent now remitted.

34. The best account wee have been able to give of deceased persons estates hath been formerly and are now r̃emitted to the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company ℘ ship Hampshire.

35. What y^{e}. Padres character may have been we know not but he has behaved himselfe very well here and says Mass daily whether Culpable or not therein wee cannott determine.

36. Wee should have returned Martha Edmonds To S^{t}. Hellena but fear'd the R^{t}. hono^{ble}. Comp^{s}. displeasure since tis their orders to the Governour &c^{a}. there to send their delinquents hither to be imployed in working on the Fortifications.

37. Wee are very credibly informed the Indrapore Guns were carried thence by the Dutch to Padang however that wee may be throughly satisfied shall make a Farther Scrutiny.

38. Wood this country affords in great planty [*sic*] but not any so durable as Redwood.

39. In the List of stores now sent of the severalls wanted here have incerted the quantity which desire may be supplyed with.

40. Our want of slaves is so great that wee have been necessitated to entertain Mallay Cooleys to goe on with our building this wee have pathetically Represented to the Rt. Honourable Company.

41. That difference between the two Proateens by our mediation is now accomodated.

42. Our Correspondence with the King of Pangram at Bantam wee shall continue having likewise represented it to the Rt. Honoble. Company.

43. That provisions are dear here is known to every man that has been upon the place notwithstandg. the richness of the soil but they are of so lazy a Temper that they will not trouble themselves farther than to get a bare subsistance and how to remedy it wee cannott tell this wee can affirm that some times provisions are not procurable for the genll. Table which inconveniency induced us formerly to goe to board wages.

44. That wee promised Mr. Collier his pay over was in consideration of the Ketch being in so great want of him and as wee are given to understand he was instrumentall in saving her from a very imminent danger near the Island of Nassaw.

45. Wee very well approve of Mr. Read as to Davis his deportment most humbly referr to our Dyarys and Consultations in August last and our Generall to the Rt. Honoble. Compa. ꝑ ship Hampshire also to David Lee and Thoms. Wilkinson's Affidavit now remitted.

46. Since our last have here deceased Mr. Richard Luxford Mr. Thomas Manning entertain'd from the John and Mary and Ebenezor Browning.

47. Wee are in expectation of the plate by the First being in great want of it.

48. Mr. Broughton has accepted to be Fourth of Councill here having alter'd his intentions as to his prest. leaving the place.

49. Wee have granted John Burton Corporall liberty at his request to goe for the Coast having his wife and Family in Fort St. George he is paid to Ultimo Instant.

50. The Effects of Mr. John Davis Messrs. Shaw and Broughton take care of in order to their being brought into the Rt. Honoble. Comps. Cash.

51. There are severalls found wanting in bales ꝑ Hampshire as ꝑ Attestation now remitted.

52. One of the country people belonging to Pangran Jangallo was kill'd at Sillabarr by one of our Bugasses the affair is now accommodating by the Pangrans and our Dattues there which hope suddainly amicably concluded.

53. There are severall Errors in Fort St. George Invoice ꝑ the Hampshire one for Pags. 1142 on the charges of Sallampores they are Rectified in ours from ys. place ꝑ said ship.

54. The Theatine Padre desires to have ye. Allowance of the Rt. honoble. Comps. Table which wee have granted him he complaining much that 10 Dollrs. [ꝑ] mensem was not sufficient for his subsistance.

55. Wee have presumed to draw the following Bills of Exchange on your honour &ca. having reced the undermentioned Summes into the Rt. Honoble. Compas. cash humbly craving their acceptance, vizt.

	$rs.	su.	s.
Reced of Richard Watts Esqr. payble. to Messrs. Meverell and Hunt.	200	—	—
Reced of Richard Watts Esqr. and Mr. Geo: Shaw payble. to Mr. Thoms. Wright &ca. Owners of Ship Bencoolen.	334[4	—	1]
Of Ditto payble. to Mr. Geo: Lewis	163	—	—
Of Ditto to Mr. Matthew Empson	253	1	—
Of Do. to Messrs. Meverell and Hunt	528	1	1
Of Mr. Peter Wallis payble. to himselfe	1300	—	—
Of Capt. Cristophr. Dixon payble. to himself	725	1	1
Of Mr. Thoms. Morris payble. to himself	777	—	—
Of Mr. Edmd. Bugden payble. to Mr. Charles Bugden ...	1450	—	—
$rs.	8741	3	1

Wee have not at prest. further to add but to subscribe ourselves.

May it please yoR. Honour &cA.

Your most Obedient humble servants

Richard Watts.
George Shaw.
Edmund Bugden.
Robert Broughton.

York Fort,
January the 31st. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.

P.S.

The Rt. honoble. Compa. in their genll. to us ℘ Ship John and Mary having been pleased for the Incouragement of ships frequenting this port to Remitt a half penny ℘ pound on their customs of pepper and on the Bencoolens arrivall the 10th. October last wee had a considerable quantity by us as also at the Northward wee on the Supracargoes request promised them a loading of pepper which the hampshire and Unions Arrivall prevented their taking in here hoping she would have arrived time enough in Fort St. George for supply of the homeward bound shipping therefore that they might not be altogether Frustrated wee thought could do no less than to let them have it at ye. Northward where the countenance of a ship will be of service in these ticklish times on the conclusion of their Troubles having likewise obliged them by contract to be assisting to them with their Boat & men as the Rt. Honoble. Compas. occasions should require they also to let the Rt. Honoble. Company have the refusall of said pepper on their arrivall in Fort St. George.

Padrey Frey Antonio De St. Guilherme who now takes his passage on the Bencoolen has promised on his arrivall in Bengall to incourage Topaz soldiers single and married to transport themselves hither the latter with their Families, but tis his opinion that a Time be limited for their service five years, which expired to be left at their choice whether to remain here as Soldiers Inhabitants or return to the Coast or Bay which conceeded wee beleive will induce a great many to transport themselves and when they find they can be able to get a comfortable subsistance very few will be desirous of returning and so consequently will be of great strength and advantage to the place wee cannot but esteem this a matter of the greatest moment for if once those sort of people can be convinced of the healthfullness of this place their resorting to us in great numbers is not to be questioned and certainly a person of the Padres character is the fittest Instrument to be employed on such an occasion being likewise a prudent and deserving man and such is the universall bigotry of that sort of ignorant people that they pay a more than ordinary deference to his Function The Theatim [*sic*] Padre Don Joseph Martelli hath as he adviseth us wth. great instances wrote both to Fort St. George

and S^{t}. David Letters of the greatest incouragement for Topazes coming over to us and seems not to Doubt of success as to Bengall the other has the same sentiments wee humbly pray that your honour &c^{a}. will please to write to the President and Counc^{ll}. of Bengall that such methods may be adjusted that wee may not be Dissapointed of our expectation herein.

Padre Frey Antonio De S^{t}. Gulherme hav^{g}. paid into the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Companys Cash Doll^{rs}. 156 for which having given him Bills of Exchange on your honour &c^{a}. payable to himselfe intreat they may be honoured with Acceptance.

Ship Hampshire was dispatch'd hence the 30th. ultimo and saild out of this road p^{mo}. Instant having laden on her black pepper Bah^{rs}. 640 which compleated her Lading signified to us by their fiering a Gun as usuall.

Ketch S^{t}. George imported here 13th. Instant by whom wee rec̃ed your honour &c^{as}. of the 26th. October last with papers as ꝑ List, Wee remaine.

May it please your Hono^{R}. &c^{A}.

Your most Obed^{t}. humble servants

Richard Watts.
George Shaw.
Edm^{D}. Bugden.
Rob^{T}. Broughton.

York Fort
Feb^{RY}. 15TH. 1703.

List of y^{E}. Pacquet to Fort S^{T}. George ꝑ sloop Sumatra Viz^{T}.

N. 1. Generall Letter ꝑ Sloop Sumatra dated y^{e}. 30th. Jan^{ry}. 170$\frac{3}{4}$ wth. postcript of y^{e}. 15th. February following.
2. Invoice of Ditto.
3. Bill of Lading Ditto.
4. Copy ship Hampshires Invoice to England.
5. D^{o}. John and Marys Invoice to Fort S^{t}. George.
6. D^{o}. Ship Sarums Invoice from Bengall.
7. Bengall gen^{ll}. to York Fort ꝑ Ditto Ship.
8. The Warehousekeepers Narrative.
9. List of y^{e}. R^{t}. H. Comp^{s}. servants and Sold^{rs}. here.
10. Ditto of medicines wanting.
11. Copy of Thomas Wilkinson and } Depositions.
12. David Lee Marrateer. }
13. Capt. Richard Phrips memorandums relating to Trebang.
14. Copy generall Lr̃e to the R^{t}. H. Comp^{a}. ꝑ ship Hampshire dated the 30th. January 170$\frac{3}{4}$.
15. Ditto Translate of the Emperour of Menong Cabow &c^{as}. Letters to Rajah Macoota.
16. Account Cash Com̃encing Pmo. July 1702 and end^{g}. the 15th. February 170$\frac{3}{4}$.
17. Diary and Consultation Commenc^{g}. 7th. July 1702 ending 15th. February 170$\frac{3}{4}$.
18. Copy Book of Letters sent com̃: 28th. March 1702 ending 15th. October 1702.
19. Copy Book of Letters rec̃ed com̃: 25th. June 1702 ending 25th. January 170$\frac{3}{4}$.
20. Copy List of stores &c^{a}. wanted for the use of this Garrison sent ꝑ Ship Hampshire.
21. List of the Pacquett.

No. 33

To the Rt. Honoble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for affaires of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
and Govr. of Fort St. Geo: &ca.
Councill.

Honoble. &ca.

The Mary Smack importing here the 7th. Currant brought us the honour of yours of the 28th. March with the severall accompanied paprs. goods and Treasure which have reced, [&] finding right have passed to accot. in Conformitie of ye. 5000 Pags. sent us wee have kept one for Factory [expences and the other four wee have our] Merchants on account of Long cloth and Sallampores at the former prices as you order which wee hope to have brought in by the end of May what more you shall designe to send us for the Septr. or Decemr. ships shall be invested on the termes possible but wee must desire your honour &ca. then to remitt us a supply as soon as possible that wee may have time by the forehead for to be streightned therein is disadvantagious on severall respects. Reced. 10th. May 1703.

Wee observe your honour &cas. dispatch of the Phœnix with so considerable a Cargo God send her in safety to our masters That wee had no bales ready for her wee acquainted your honour &ca. was occasioned by our Merchants haveing discharged their arrears to about 2000 Pags. which lying among the weavers from Ganjam to Tune could not easily be collected till Further buiseness.

Our warehousekeeper shall send monthly an account of what goods in our godowns but frō thence your honour &ca. will not be able to Judge of our affairs for our cloth provided towards Ganjam and these parts cannott come in monthly, being to great a charge to bring it overland but is kept sometime till the change of the moonson wn. 3 or 4 months cloth comes att once which wee thought fitt to intimate to your honr. &ca.

Wee dare not presume to dispute with yor. honr. &ca. about the peices of cloth wanting in the bales but wee Assure you there was no care or circumspection wanting here.

Mr. Stables is perusing and examining of yor. Journll. parcells in order to adjust ym. with our bookes and Messrs. Cranwell Morton and Horden are ordered to transcribe or. bookes S and T with ye. greatest expedition which as soon as finished shall be remitted you.

Our place is a dead charge wee must allow but it has been so these severall months for want of mony to carry on our buisness without wch. nothing is to be done in ys. poor country there being none to be borrowed nor any merchants able to advance any on such an accasn. its now well settled and quiet and will provide yor. honr. &ca. goods to wt. amount you shall supply us wth.

The Mary Smack came into ys. road about 7 at night and sailed next day before three.

The 300 Pags. for account of Mr. Stables was delivd him according to your orders and wch. is what at present offers from

Honble. &ca.

Your most humble servts.

Vizagapm. ye. 19th. Aprill 1703

Simon Holcombe.
Thoms. Stables.
Robert Cranwell.

N°. 34

To the Honble. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t}. for Affairs of y^{e}. R^{t}.
Honble. English East India Company
& Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a}.
Councill.

Hono^{ble}. Sir &c^{a}.

Examined. Our last was dated y^{e}. 7th. Instant and on y^{e}. 10th. Rustandall Cawn arrived here and three days after y^{e}. Phousdar by his order sent for o^{rs}. and y^{e}. rest of y^{e}. Factorys Dubash to acquaint him y^{t}. y^{e}. Nabob expected y^{t}. wee should bring him our present to wch. wee sent him word y^{t}. our hono^{ble}. masters had no tradeing here at present & y^{t}. wee could not give him a present without orders from Fort S^{t}. George neither had wee anything in o^{r}. Factory proper for presents upon wch. he clapt Peons upon our DuBash and ordered him immediately to bring o^{r}. answ^{r}. whether wee would give him his pres^{t}. by faire means or not upon wch. wee offered a small pres^{t}. suitable to our last Investment his reply was y^{t}. wee gave his servant sheveldash 1000 Rup^{s}. and he expected a greater present from us at y^{e}. same time threatn'd to set Peons at our Factory gates and stop all provis^{ns}. from going in and at y^{t}. time did stop all y^{e}. Dutch goods at Banksall and seized their merchants till they complyed, y^{e}. new Comp^{a}. and french promised to give him as much as they did shevildash before wee promised as much wee had no hopes of bei^{g}. excused and if wee had stood out wth. him who had so great a power and so ill Tempered he would probably not only have increased his demands upon us but have affronted and abused o^{r}. Merch^{ts}. wee therefore thought it most adviseable to make him an offer of y^{e}. same wee gave his serv^{t}. sheveldash last year wch. was 1000 Rup^{s}. wch. for sever^{ll}. days he seemed not to be satisfied with but would have us to raise something more and find^{g}. y^{t}. wee would not acquiesce y^{e}. Dutch present was agreed to be 1700 Rup^{s}. in goods but at his going away he return'd all their spice to y^{e}. Phousdar and ordered him to receive w^{t}. they valued it in money of y^{m}. y^{e}. French pres^{t}. was 800 Rup^{s}. part in mony and part in goods of wch. he returned nothing back.

Upon y^{e}. Nabobs arrivall here y^{r}. new Comp^{as}. Merchants all left y^{e}. place and he was very angry wth. y^{e}. Phousdar for permitting M^{r}. Pitt &c^{a}. to goe away when he knew of his comeing to wch. y^{e}. Phousdar made y^{e}. best excuse he could and told the Nabob he would be answerable for their present and has given a note und^{r}. his hand that he would make good y^{e}. same present they gave last year to shevildash which is five Thous^{d}. Rupees with wch. he is satisfyed and has not given y^{m}. any trouble nor taking any manner of notice on th^{r}. affairs which is a Sufficient proof y^{t}. they have good Interest in y^{e}. Phousdar who has shown himselfe wholly devoted to their service in mannaging th^{r}. buiseness with y^{e}. Nabob.

Wee are very sensible how hard it is upon o^{r}. hono^{ble}. masters to give such a large present at y^{s}. time wch. puts us upon considering of all manner of means how to avoid giving any present or as little as possible but as wee remain on y^{e}. place could find no remeddy against his Demands but paying y^{e}. summe mentioned wch. wee hope w^{ll}. not be displeasing to your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. y^{e}. Nabob set out from hence towards Ellore yesterday.

The Dustore which is due to y^{e}. R^{t}. hon^{ble}. Comp^{a}. from y^{e}. Maddapollam Merchants in M^{r}. Woolstons time they have obliged themselves to pay in fine Long cloth which they have in their godowne at y^{e}. old prizes (haveing divided their Joynt stock money) which wee hope yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will accept of, if not do not know how wee shall be able to make them pay it in mony they being very poor and we hav^{g}. no settlem^{t}. there.

Wee have advice by private Letters y^{t}. yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. dispatched y^{e}. Charles and Betty for y^{s}. place y^{e}. beginning of y^{s}. month of which wee cannott hear any news of therefore conclude she has overshott her Port and is gone to Bengall. We are

Hono^{BLE}. Sir &c^{A}.
Your most obed^{t}. humble servants

Metchlepatam
28 April 1703.

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.
J. Harrison.
Richard Harrison.

N°. 35

To the Hon^{BLE}. Thom^{S}. Pitt Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. for affairs of y^{E}. R^{T}. Hon^{BLE}.
East India Company & Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}.
George &c^{A}. Counc^{LL}.

Sirs,

Yours of y^{e}. 6[?] of January wee rec̃ed y^{e}. 23^{d}. ultimo but by y^{e}. contents of your Letter beleive y^{e}. secretary ought to have dated it y^{e}. 26th. of February.

Wee observe the resentment you make of meddl^{g}. with y^{e}. John and Marys cargoe y^{e}. reason we Laded her for England was y^{e}. complaint you made of y^{e}. great Tonnage on your hands and wee thought it y^{e}. same thing for our masters whether wee Laded five or 6 hundred bales on a ship directly for England or on Two ships bound for Fort S^{t}. George thither for by your writing you expected such a number and y^{e}. Comp^{s}. debt would not have been less had y^{e}. pepper been sent on y^{e}. John and Mary for Madrass to have been shott between y^{e}. bales Laden on y^{e}. Phœnix and other shipping by your presidency.

You say how did wee ease you in takeing a full Laden ship from your hands y^{s}. ship being laden with pepper a commodity that hath been alwayes shott between bales from the coast and Bay is of no help to our Tonnage without was to be laden in bulk to pay a full freight which ought not to be done when other means can be found to prevent it wee concluded since y^{s}. pepper was arrived Bengall wee must creditt your presidency y^{e}. price current as Invoiced to England nine Rupees Eight annas ℘ maund and y^{e}. Comp^{a}. having forbid our sending pepper for England shott unless wee can procure it about y^{t}. price wee thought it unreasonable to send it for Madrass to be Laden for England on full freight but to keep their shipping on a country freight to pay Demorage untill better provision can be made for them.

Had wee not sent y^{e}. John and Mary to England twould have been adviseable for us to have sent her to your Port with stores provisions and what freight offered for had wee sent her to Fort S^{t}. George with y^{e}. pepper y^{t}. ought to have been charged with freight to Madrass which y^{s}. ship might have made had she not been laden there with for tis y^{e}. same thing to y^{e}. Company whith^{r}. y^{e}. pepper be sent to England on their shipp^{g}. dispatcht hence or from Madrass but not if y^{e}. pepper be sent on a ship y^{t}. otherwise could supply their garrison with stores provisions &c^{a}.

As to what you say of her coming to Madrass with pepper to help out her Tonnage wee thought you would have been of our opinion not to have sent more pepper y^{n}. could have been shott with y^{e}. bales but y^{e}. John and Mary could not have arrived Madras under our orders so early as you expected her for twas y^{e}. nineth of Septr. Capt. Kent arrived with us here having reced no advices from us but took in M^{r}. Adams Pylot and came away before wee had time to give further directions y^{e}. next consultat^{n}. Day after his arrivall wee examined him and besides y^{e}. bad weather he withall mett with he wanted a capston provisions and water y^{e}. owners having vicutalled his ship but for Eighteen months and by what provisions he brought here it appear'd to be so before he could have provided himselfe these things to have sailed under our orders for Madrass twould have been y^{e}. latter end of Sepr. or beginning of Octob^{r}. before he could have got clear of y^{e}. sands a very dangerous time considering he might have mett y^{e}. Breaking up of y^{e}. monsoon both in y^{e}. Bay and on y^{e}. coast.

At first wee told him he should sail for Madrass as soon as y^{e}. season of y^{e}. year permitted but wee chand [*sic*] our resolutions before y^{e}. begin^{g}. of November haveing no Precedent for send^{g}. a ship Laden with pepper out of y^{e}. Bay.

You advise your intentions were to send y^{e}. John and Mary again for y^{e}. West Coast wch. wee had no thoughts of finding her charterparty would be out within few months aft^{r}. she could return to you by y^{e}. Northerly Monsoon and wee were satisfied by your former advices y^{t}. either y^{e}. Loyall Cooke or Hampshire would proceed for York Fort with provisions, stores &c^{a}. and wee were sending y^{e}. ship Sarum to second her, and by what wee could learn from thence wee wish there be pepper found enough to give y^{e}. Sarum and Hampshire so early Dispatches as you expect

Wee are y^{e}. younger Presidency and would by no means do anything that shall want due respect and shall observe your directions now as much as when Bengall was an Agency but at that time we always lookt upon it our Duty when we could not consult with you to do what wee thought was for our masters interest and what wee have lately acted wee should have done if still an Agency for it is no unparelled action of ours. Wittness y^{e}. Success Captn. Walthrope Commander belonging to yor. Presidency was forced to Bengall by bad weather Agent Charnock and councill disposed of that pepper and took y^{e}. ship into y^{e}. service of y^{e}. Beng^{ll}. Agency and sent none of it to Madrass on the Williamson nor any of y^{e}. pepper which that ship or y^{e}. Berkley castle brought from thence and there are more instances of y^{e}. like nature.

Now S^{rs}. if you can give us an instance of a pepper ship sent from hence to Fort S^{t}. George which y^{e}. Agent and Councill here were not to concern themselves to dispose of y^{e}. Comp^{s}. affairs being particularly under y^{e}. care and management of your presidency weell own ourselves unparrelld in our actions but on y^{e}. contrary if o^{r}. predecessors (by their Consultations and Dyarys) disposed of y^{e}. pepper laden on shipping that accidentally came hither altho consigned to Fort S^{t}. George as they found suited most with y^{e}. Companys Interest when wee hope y^{s}. action may be approved of by our masters but wee will not intermeddle in y^{t}. case as our predecesso^{rs}. formerly and ourselves have lately done since it meet not yor. approbations and leave our Masters to be the Judges, indeed if a ship should come hither from the west coast wee shall not be under circumstances to send her for England but twill be more for the Companys Interest to send her for y^{e}. Coast with a Beng^{ll}. Lading than with pepper for y^{e}. reason befores^{d}.

Wee had sent y^{e}. Colchester for Madrass but you complained of y^{e}. great Tonnage as ₱ List sent and urgently desired us to get a Freight for one of the ships in y^{e}. Bay for y^{t}. you expected y^{e}. Chambers Friggott from China to be Laden home and notwithstanding y^{e}. Colchester was not sent you to be provided for y^{e}. last season yet you have thought of sending y^{e}. Chambers Friggott for y^{e}. Bay when you have one Thousand six hundred Baggs of Salt Petre in y^{e}.

godownes wee were in hopes she would have been Loading for England by y^{t}. time y^{e}. two vessells wee sent arrived with Two hundred and Two bales and chests for your assistance.

Twas much easier for us to have gone on wth. our investments y^{n}. to have troubled ourselves for a freight and Loading for y^{e}. ships consigned to yor. Presidency especially y^{e}. former there being [...] trouble and vexation between y^{e}. Commander on one side and y^{e}. freighters on the other and since there was no selfe interest but intentions to serve our masters wee doubt not of their approbation.

Wee had not been so long upon y^{s}. subject but that after our endeavours for y^{e}. best there appears a charge against us for ill consequences that may attend our proceedings and wee thought ourselves obliged to give these reasons for our Justifications.

Wee advised what agreement wee made with y^{e}. silk winders that went last to Madrass on ship Phœnix they were not willing to have us put y^{e}. allowance of Gew Rice gram &c^{a}. in money not knowing w^{t}. price they might give for provisions att Madrass but now you know y^{e}. quantity you may allow it y^{m}. in mony or daily give y^{m}. y^{e}. provisions y^{e}. First y^{t}. went agreed with us only for wages wee could have sent you some more wch. M^{r}. Pattle sent fro Pattana but he having agreed with them for two Rupees ꝑ month more then those wee sent on y^{e}. Phœnix they were returned to Cassimbazar being apprehensive that y^{e}. other would insist upon y^{e}. same allowance after th^{r}. arriv^{ll}. at Fort S^{t}. George as wee perceive now y^{e}. first have done.

Herewth. comes of our Letter to y^{e}. Agent and Counc^{ll}. on y^{e}. west coast and an account of y^{e}. freight she made hither and w^{t}. Laden for y^{e}. west Coast.

Whatsoever ꝑticular people might write wee cannott tell but wee came to a conclusion w^{t}. to do wth. y^{e}. Colchester but just before y^{e}. dispatch of y^{e}. Phœnix as advised.

The steward assures us y^{e}. Goats were sent on board in good condition and a large quantity of grain to feed upon wee wish there was no abuse and their [meat] applied to other uses for by y^{e}. stewards account of feeding them after they came from y^{e}. country with dry meat youll think as well as wee that they ought to have arrived in a fleshy condition wee shall take all care y^{t}. y^{e}. stores sent are good in their kinds.

Wee gave y^{e}. John and Mary and y^{e}. Wentworth orders to touch at y^{e}. Cape before they sail'd for S^{t}. Hellena.

Wee have given you creditt for y^{e}. goods reced by ship Phœnix y^{e}. coppar was disposed off at Thirty one Rup^{s}. Eight annas ꝑ maund but y^{e}. Quicksilver bearing so low a price as Two Rupees Eight annas ꝑ seer wee resolve to make y^{e}. Merchants take it when we pay off their Bills of Debt at somewhat more y^{n}. y^{e}. mart price pray send us no more of y^{t}. commoditie especially since you cannott supply us with ready mony.

M^{r}. Redshaw &c^{a}. advise us from Pattana y^{t}. they are weighing off y^{e}. Companys Salt Petre thre [*sic*] wee have ordered them to buy Eight Thousand maunds more in all Twenty Thousand Maunds and sent y^{m}. a Bill of exchange for Eleven Thousand one hundred Rupees currant of Hughly to forward their Investment being in part y^{e}. proceed of some of y^{e}. pepper you expected on y^{e}. Phœnix wee have given them a charge to send y^{e}. Petre boats away very early that they may come down with y^{e}. freshes which if they do as wee doubt not but they will and y^{e}. boats meet with no extroardinary stoppage in y^{e}. way wee shall have them here by y^{e}. middle of September or latter end at farthest If you should have an extroardinary occasion for Salt Petre so that you send y^{e}. Chambers Friggott hither wee think it very likely to meet with a quantity for her Kentilage by y^{e}. latter end of Augst. from some of y^{e}. forerunners but at present there's not any to be had at Hughly.

Wee have allwayes advised y^e. needfull of w^t. past between us and y^e. Government Wittness y^e. Nineth Paragraph of y^e. Letter sent by y^e. Phœnix after her dispatch when goods were comeing for y^e. John and Mary and y^e. wentworth to prevent stoppages from y^e. Phousdar &c^a. in Hughly wee were at y^e. expence of Four Thousand Rupees more than y^e. usuall piscash to clear y^e. buiseness which wee could not prevent haveing stood it out with y^e. $Governm^t$. some months after y^e. other nations complyed indeed its a great summe of mony to be extorted from us and twas parted wth. all very unwilling.

The Prince hath sent horsemen with copie of y^e. Mogulls husbollhocum to y^e. Phousdars of Hughly Ballasore, Muxadavad, and Rajamaull as y^e. vacqueel advises us from Dhacca to clear y^e. hattmen and their Effects but y^e. Duan will not give his sunnud for free trade without wee comply with y^e. unjust demands of Fifteen Thousand Rupees y^e. New English have complyed and given Ten $Thous^d$. Rupees Value in broad cloth &c^a. and Five $Thous^d$. Rupees in ready mony but y^e. vacqueel writtes they will not have custom free mentioned in y^e. sunnud y^e. Duan gives them wee insist still upon our former promises of presenting y^e. Prince when our Masters ships arrives with a $reason^{ble}$. present of rarities and hope to bustle through untill y^t. time when twill fall upon y^e. united stock who ought to bear it since they only have y^e. benefitt of y^e. future trade our masters being Indebted to y^e. country.

Rosaro dyed here y^e. 29th. of october and being lookt upon as a poor black fellow no inquiry was made after his Effects but y^e. middle of December sometime before y^e. Dolphin sailed for Acheen M^r. Henry Griffith delivered M^r. Russell y^e. charges generall $keep^r$. keys which he said were y^e. keys of Rosaro his chests and scrutores and desired him to look over y^e. papers carefully because he did beleive there was a Bill of Debt for one Thousand Rup^s. amongst them for mony he had given out for goods M^r. Russell sent for Henry Moore at whose house he dyed and took posession of his necessarys with wittness accustomary and made sale of his goods to y^e. amount of one hundred Thirty and four Rupees and when his debts for Lodging diet &c^a. are paid little will remain all y^e. pap^{rs}. are in y^e. scrutore to be sent by any conveyance after orders received wee shall make farther inquiry about y^s. bill of debt examining Henry Moore wee find y^t. M^r. Griffith lock't up y^e. chests and scrutores upon Rosaroes decease and kept the keys in his charge untill some time before he left y^e. place.

Haveing received no answer in your severall Letters to what wrote about M^r. Peachie whether he had made a will or no before his decease or who administrated to his estate wee have disposed of his Lumber and Effects and brought y^e. proceed into y^e. $Comp^{as}$. cash as customary when people die Intestate.

Wee sent by y^e. Charles and Betty sloop and Mary Smack Two hundred and seaven baggs of salt Petre so that youll have at Madrass enough (with y^e. sixteen hundred and seavenety baggs in your godowns) to give charterparty Kentilage to y^e. Colchester and chambers Friggott and if commanders want stiffning for their ships wee hope you may procure cowrys coffee, Sugars or some other Kintilage Commodities to make them sayleable in good condition for England but our endeavours shall not be wanting to send a large supply of Salt Petre.

Herewith comes copy of y^e. Princes hosbulhoocum to clear y^e. Hattmen. Wee are.

HON^{BLE}. SIR &C^A.
Your most humble $serv^{ts}$.

FORT W^M. IN BENGALL
Y^E. 3^D. DAY OF APRILL 1703.

JOHN BEARD.
NATT^L. HALSEY.
JONATHAN WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

No. 36

To the Rt. Honble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for affairs of ye. Rt. Honoble.
English East India Compa. and Govr.
of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Vizagapatam,
28th. Aprill 1703.

Honoble. &ca.

Since our last of ye. 29th. haveing been honrd. with none from you ys. comes only to acquaint your honr. &ca. wee have reced certain advice of Rustandill being come to Metchlepm. and yt. he designes for Chiccacull wherefore wee desire your orders for our treatment wth. him both as relating to our present concern and or. Fortification wch. we know hele' be troublesome having had experience of it on his former coming to these parts and he is farther of a haughty, Imperious, Avaritious and Treacherous nature which wee intimate not as wee are Timerous of him but yt. your honr. &ca. might have a right understanding of his Temper in order ye. giving ye. necessary directions to us wch. shall be sure to be punctually perform'd and as to our Investmt. he can be noways impedimentall to us our course cloth coming most from Annumturas and Pierowse countrys wth. whom wee have too good a correspondence for his orders any wayes to obstruct it should we come to any Irruption wth. him where wee shall be more fixed in our Treaty and disputes and not concede to any thing may appear unjust, unreasonable, or dishonble. and wch. is what at present offers from

Reced 20 May 1703. ℘ Pattamarr.

Honoble. &ca.
Your most humble. servants

Simon Holcombe.
Thoms. Stables.
[Robt. Cranwell.]

No. 37

To the Rt. Honble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for affairs of ye. Rt. Honble.
English East India Compa. & Govr.
of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Vizagapatam
pmo. May 1703.

Honoble. &ca.

Our last was of ye. 28th. ultimo advisg. ye. then needfull this comes to forward ye. accompanying pacquett reced just now from Bengall bringing your honour &ca. ye. acceptable news of ye. Kings Husbolhoocum being arriv'd there and therein ye. Prince issuing out his husbul Omr. to release ye. Hattmen and thr. effects & for thr. trade to go forward as formerly wee have forwarded ys. good news to Mr. Frewen &ca. by 2 of or. nimble Peons & desir'd ym. to give it ye. same expeditious dispatch to yr. honr. &ca. and wch. wee hope theyle ℘form.

Reced 20th. Ditto 1703 ℘ Pattamarr.

Theres advice from Metchlepatam since or. last yt. Rustandill has call'd for all ye. Europeans Phirmauds. wch. is instigated by ye. Dutch and on his coming here wll. be sure to demand ours he yt. was chief of Bimlepatm. and now ye 2d. of Metchlepm. haveing advis'd him wee have none wth. many other malicious Idle stories too tedious and silly to innumerate to yr. honr. &cs. as to or. Phirmaund we have no such thing here wherefore we desire yr. honr. &ca. direction

about y^t^. matter should he insist much upon it & till wch. arrives we shall not be wanting to give him w^t^. answ^r^. may be necessary & suitable to his dem^ds^. & govern o^r^. selves in all things as y^e^. exigence of affairs will ℘mitt Wee are.

HONO^BLE^. &C^A^.
Your most hum^ble^. servants

STEPHEN HOLCOMBE.
THOM. STABLES.
ROB^T^. CRANWELL.

[P.S.] Wee desire y^r^. hon^r^. &c^a^. send us 15 Ca. of powd^r^. y^t^. you sent us before being almost all disposed off.

N°. 38

TO THE R^T^. HON^BLE^. THOM^S^. PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E^. R^T^.
HON^BLE^. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A^. &
GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HONO^BLE^. SIR &C^A^.

Recẽd 20 May 1703 ℘ Pattamarr. This serves to forward y^e^. accompanying Beng^ll^. Pacquett which wee this day received from Vizagapatam with y^e^. good news of y^e^. Kings HusbulHuckum being arrived and that y^e^. Prince has Issued out his Husbul Omer to release all Hattmen and their effects and Trade to go on as formerly according to Sallabad Wee are.

HONO^BLE^. SIR &C^A^.
Your hon^rs^. most Obedient humble servants

METCHLEPATAM
MAY Y^E^. 9TH. 1703.

STEPHAN FREWEN.
THOMAS FAUCETT.
J. HARRISON.
RICHARD HARRISON.

N°. 39

TÕ THE HON^BLE^. THOM^S^. PITT ESQ^R^.
GOV^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE & PRESIDENT OF
MADRASS FOR AFF^RS^. OF Y^E^. R^T^. HON^BLE^.
Y^E^. GOV^R^. & COMP^A^. OF MERCH^TS^. OF LONDON
TRADING TO Y^E^. EAST INDIES &C^A^. COUNCILL.

HONOURABLE &C^A^.

Recẽd 22^d^: May 1703 ℘ ship London. By returne of ship London wee trouble yor. hon^r^. &c^a^. with these few lines in answ^r^. to yor. hon^r^. &c^a^. Letter to y^e^. Agent &c^a^. under date of [...] of Novem^r^. past wch. we recẽd here by y^e^. ship y^e^. 10th. past & its duplicate ℘ ship monsoon y^e^. 20th.

Here was no apparent fault in either of y^e^. Two horses we sent hence They belonged to y^e^. Persian Merch^t^. who went on y^e^. Ship who would fain have carried them and pay'd us 350 ^rs^. for freight for his own account but y^t^. wee perfectly forced him to sell them by absolutely refuseing to carry them on freight for him

wee are very sorry they did not prove according to our hopes and indeed to gett and [*sic*] extraordinary fine horse here is very near as difficult to gett such a one in India and without a years warning and 2 or 3 men being sent up y^{e}. country to search all parts there is nothing extraordinary of y^{t}. kind to be had.

Wee reced y^{e}. account y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. sent us drawn out by M^{r}. Marshall between Capt. Lambart & J. Bruce to wch. y^{e}. latter in his own behalfe beggs leave to reply.

Hee do's not deny but y^{e}. acco^{t}. for y^{e}. most part is right only sundry Payments and disbursements made by h[im] on Capt. Lambarts account omitted of wch. its easy to make satisfactory demonstration whereby his debt to Capt. Lambart is not so great as y^{t}. account makes it but be w^{t}. it will yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. may be Assured there shall not be one days delay in James Bruce giving in fair accounts and y^{e}. full Ballance of w^{t}. due from him to Capt. Lambart to whomsoev^{r}. y^{e}. deceaseds executor and executrix shall appoint to take y^{e}. said account and effects of him he knows its customary wherever y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{s}. serv^{ts}. dye in their Factorys intestate to bring w^{t}. they leave behind them to y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{s}. acc^{tt}. but Capt. Lambart neither [was y^{e}. R^{t}.] Hono^{ble}. Comp^{s}. serv^{t}. nor dyed intestate for Jam[es Bruce upon] his death saw his will and desired a copy of it which he reced under Capt. Lambarts serv^{ts}. hand and desired Capt. Carswell at y^{e}. same time to write to England to advise his executor and executrix of all circumstances when wrote himselfe y^{t}. if they would appoint any attorney to make up acc^{ts}. with him they should have fair accounts and y^{e}. full of w^{t}. due to them.

Now wee presume only to lay y^{e}. case before y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. whether or no James Bruce could be secure in letting Capt. Lambarts Ballance go out of his hands when Capt. Lambart has amongst his papers exact accounts under James Brucees own hand writing of everything bought of him or reced for him all which are gone to England in [the] Phœnix and no question his Relations will be able to make out y^{e}. account in England as y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. have already done and as James Bruce has given it under his own hand to his Executor and Executrix in England to pay what remains in his hand punctually upon demand to whomsoever they appoint and order to receive it can he be secure in paying it otherwise or may he not be forced by y^{e}. English Law to make Double payment, if James Bruce is found or ever was found to use any undue pretence of keeping anyones mony in his hands it would be indeed a great blemish in his reputation but wee hope y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will consider y^{t}. w^{t}. he argues is reason according to y^{e}. best of his judgement and only for his own safety many honest men having been ruin'd only for such oversights and y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. do not desire any man sh^{d}. be guilty of w^{t}. may prove to his Detriment.

If y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. please to give James Bruce Assurances th[at he] shall not be called to account and his Letter [and papers sh]all not be produced against him in England y^{e}. full amount of what due to Capt. Lambart sh^{d}. be immediately remitted or disposed off in w^{t}. manner soev^{r}. y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. shall please to order.

Wee daily expect y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{s}. ship y^{e}. Colchester by whom shall send those provisions of wine rosewaters &c^{a}. wch. y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. have enordered for the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{as}. account wch. shall be ready of y^{e}. best sorts that can be had against said ships arrivall only wee beleive twill be very difficult getting such horses as y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. orders tho' James Bruce has a man at Shiraz sent purposely to procure them and w^{t}. he brings if good shall be sent, for garden seeds &c^{a}. wee have wrote to Spahaune and Shiraz; The carpetts y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. order are not procurable at pres^{t}. in Towne as soon as can get such a parcell shall send them.

If y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. draw any Bill on us as expected for payment of 8 or 10000 Rupees to y^{e}. order of y^{e}. Kings Buxee here wee shall comply therewith and observe y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. orders as farr as possible in drawing y^{e}. like summe upon y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. back againe.

M^{r}. Bower is gone hence to Suratt to wch. place wee shall ℘ first of his obligation to Capt. Lambart for paying y^{e}. freight of his goods.

By next conveyance y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will have an answ^{r}. from Spawhaune concerning y^{e}. mony attackt [*sic*] in Presid^{t}. Beards hands belonging to M^{r}. Harbin wee not knowing anything of it wee have sent by Capt. Matthews w^{t}. newspapers wee had here wee have also requested Capt. Matthews to take on board one Charles Atkins late chirurgeon of y^{e}. Factory who upon due considera-tion wee have thought fitt to send hence to prevent any farther scandall and Detrim^{t}. to y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{s}. affairs here our reasons for soe doing were;

1st. and cheifly y^{t}. he is become so familiar and Intimate with y^{e}. Shaubunders secretary one Anga Camall that he has been nothing but his instru-ment in y^{s}. house to bring him news of every thing y^{t}. passes wch. has cost us no small Troube since y^{e}. London and Monsoon came in insomuch y^{t}. wee have been near comeing to blows with y^{e}. government while y^{s}. fellow has been along their observator and endeavouring to manage their buiseness underhand in y^{s}. house and tis intollerable y^{t}. y^{e}. affairs of a nation should be ruined especially in a place where wee have so great a priviledges by anything soe inconsiderable.

2dly. He is become so notoriously scandalous by his unaccountable Lewd and villanous practice in y^{s}. place y^{t}. he is become y^{e}. Talk of y^{e}. whole Towne and occasions us no small disgrace thereby.

3dly. He has always made his chamber in y^{e}. Factory y^{e}. randevous of all y^{e}. scandalous fellows y^{t}. it has been possible to pick up and makes it his chief endeavo^{r}. by all manner of means to debauch every one that comes sober into y^{e}. house to perswade people belong^{g}. to ships to run away and promote all manner of mischief and debaucherry.

4^{thly}. He is so intimate with y^{e}. moors keeping whores in their houses and so constantly amongst y^{m}. y^{t}. it w^{d}. seem as if he had nothing to do with y^{e}. house and wee can't immagine but y^{t}. y^{e}. effects of such a familiarity would in a small Tract of time prove very detrim^{all}. to y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{s}. affairs in y^{s}. place to be shott [*sic*] wee have found him to be one of y^{e}. most universally ill qualified y^{t}. ever wee mett with in our lives.

For all which reasons and to prevent his doing more mischeif then he has already wee have Takeing y^{e}. opportunity of ridding ourselves of him and so wee hope of all farther scandells arising by him y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. can easily prevent his making mischeife in those parts or send him home to England and so ridd y^{e}. country of so dangerous a person.

Since wrote y^{e}. foregoing wee have bought and sent by Capt. Matthews 1 small Bale containing a large pair of carpetts they are not y^{e}. full length enordered but are y^{e}. nearest wee can gett to it their cost is 1000. tho^{s}.

Wee have not else at present worth y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. notice so take leave most respectfully to signe.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.
Yo^{r}. most obed^{t}. humble serv^{ts}.

GOMROON APRILL Y^{E}. 10TH. 1703.

JAMES BRUCE.
JAMES RAWLINGS.
EDWARD DENNIS.

N°. 40

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOM^{S}. PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^{E}. R^{T}.
HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}.
& GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE &
S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

On y^{e}. 17th. Instant wee rec̃ed yor. hon^{r}. &c^{as}. bearing date y^{e}. 11th. with two Papers inclosed y^{e}. one containing some Paragraphs of y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Companys Generall to y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. dated the 4th. of August 1702 ℘ ship Howland and the other some Paragraphs from y^{e}. Twenty Four mannagers of y^{e}. united trade to India adviseing of y^{e}. Union between y^{e}. old and New East India Compan^{s}. y^{e}. 22^{d}. of July 1702 and directs that y^{e}. Bookes of each Factory must be ballanced and all y^{e}. profitt and arrears of y^{e}. dead stock of y^{e}. old Company be made up to said time after which y^{e}. charges which doe directly relate to the Forts and castles and other y^{e}. Dead stock and all y^{e}. profitts is to be on account of y^{e}. united trade to y^{e}. East Indies Copys of said Paragraphs wee have delivered M^{r}. Haynes and desired him in compliance therewith to make up y^{e}. Companys bookes wth. w^{t}. speed possible, wee shall also cause an exact and particular Inventory to be taken of y^{e}. Dead stock of y^{s}. place and an account of what state and condition every thing is in and transmitt it to y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in very few dayes. Reced 24 May 1703 ℘ Pattamarr.

Had wee knowne y^{t}. sheathing Plank had been acceptable wee could have bought w^{t}. quantity wee pleased out of y^{e}. Portugueze shipp but wee provid'd no more y^{n}. wee thought necessary for y^{e}. repaire of y^{e}. sloop expedition wee have sent you Ten Timbers wch. cost us by y^{s}. conveyance a Pagoda and a quarter apeice.

Wee return your honour &c^{a}. thanks for complying wth. our last Bill for Pag^{s}. 20000 payable to the order of o^{r}. merchants as soon as wee can find money here wee shall according to your honours permission draw another Bill upon your honour &c^{a}. for Tenn Thousand Pag^{s}. out of which wee shall pay our Merchants what can be spared fro y^{e}. necessary expence of y^{e}. garrison.

All y^{e}. expences which relates to y^{e}. generall Table is monthly charged in our account of cash and wee have no other expence but Factors provisions which for y^{e}. future shall be added thereto and an account thereof sent apart by which twill appear that y^{e}. Generall Table is now kept considerably cheap^{r}. y^{n}. formerly.

Wee have as yet made little progress in y^{e}. buisen'ss of y^{e}. silkwormes for want of winders and a sufficient quantity of food for y^{e}. wormes wee have now planted a large peice of ground with mulberry shrubs and if that Thrives hope shall bring y^{s}. buiseness to perfection of which shall keep your honour &c^{a}. constantly advised.

Wee shall speedily send some Boats to Ramadass at Boomipollam to fetch away y^{e}. wood wee have already paid for that lying there and if he refuses to deliver it wee shall acquaint your honour &c^{a}. thereof.

Narro reddes Buisness has been prosecuted wth. all y^{e}. strictness upon his Debtors immaginable in order to make them comply and do him Justice they are miserably poor unable to make satisfaction for wch. reason they lye still in close prison and that is y^{e}. only means wee can take some have paid their proportion according to y^{e}. award made by y^{e}. head of the casts some others have promised payment in few days but y^{e}. Majority have no effects to make satisfaction about which wee have advisd your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in our former Letters; Somiah who sollicites this buisiness here is unwilling to discharge those who have paid their proportions till he receives y^{e}. whole wee hear inclose A List of y^{e}. severall Partners and th^{r}. shares in y^{s}. buisiness which will give yor. honour &c^{a}. a clearer insight into y^{s}. affaire.

Assoon as M^{r}. Bawgus arrives wee shall cause him to adjust his accounts with y^{e}. Company and pay what's due into their cash.

Wee are sorry to hear y^{e}. carelessness of ship Presid^{ts}. master should occasion a dammage to any of the Companys bales y^{e}. ship was very well repaired and went hence in an extroardinary condition for y^{e}. am^{t}. of y^{e}. dammage y^{e}. owners here readily agree to make satisfaction.

Wee are now laying in a store of paddy wch. wee buy at about seavenety mercall for a Pagoda but it daily becomes more scarcer and dearer so that wee shall be unable to comply with your orders in sending any from hence and at y^{e}. prizes yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. advise its cheaper wth. you already.

Two dayes since Our spy Braminy came from y^{e}. camp with advices y^{t}. Doud Cawne still remaines on y^{s}. side Colleroone River where he had agreed wth. y^{e}. Egypts from Trigonopoly for six Lack of rupees y^{e}. one halfe is paid him down and the other he has taken security for and that he is likely in few dayes, to make an end wth. y^{e}. Ambassadors from Tanjore after wch. he gives out helé rest himselfe at Chillumbrum and y^{n}. pay a visitt to his friends at Porto Novo & Tevenepatam & yesterday Mollim advised us y^{t}. he had rec̃ed a Letter from Abdull Nebby which directed him to acquaint us that Dowed Cawne would be at Porto Novo in few days y^{e}. Dutch have sent him a Present from Negapatam of Liquors Flint Ware Newries and such Toys and wee think propper if with your permission to send M^{r}. Haynes wth. a compliment and small present to him as soon as he setts out from Porto Novo wch. perhaps may prevent any Trouble through disgust therefore yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will speedily please to direct us to what amount said present must be or if wee must send any and wee shall take care punctually to comply with said order; wee are all in a readiness and our garrison in as good a posture of defence as possible wee can put it and doubt not if he comes here in any other y^{n}. a friendly mann^{r}. to give so warme a reception as he shall soon be weary on't; Wee keep our Braminys in y^{e}. Camp continually to observe his motion wch. will give us timely notice of his approach w^{n}. wee wont faile to keep a strict watch for fear of any surprize.

Wee are glad to hear y^{e}. Dutchess is saf [*sic*] arrived in England and hope y^{e}. ill report of y^{e}. Bedfords being lost at y^{e}. Mauritius will prove false.

Some time since wee sent yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. the consultations in M^{r}. Frasers time to be sign'd by him which wee request youlé get done and send us for wee have no other Register here.

Inclosed your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will receive Two papers containing an account of sloop Expeditions charges of repaire for y^{e}. amount of which we shall debt your place Wee remain.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most hum̃ servants

Fort S^{t}. David
the 21st. May 1703.

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm^{d}. Mountague.
Rich^{d}. Farmer.
Trevor Games.
Jno. Berlu.

No. 41

To the Honble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for affaires of ye. Rt.
Honble. East India Compa. on ye.
coast of Chormandell and Governour
of Fort St. George and St. David &ca.
Councill.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Our last to yor. honr. &ca. bore date ye. 21st. Inst. ꝑ ye. sumatra sloop ye. purport of ys. is cheifly to advise that according to your permission wee have ys. day drawne The Bills upon yr. honr. &ca. for 10000 Pagodas ye. one for Three Thousand payable to Ragonada Chittee & Vangamonaidau ye. other Two for seven Thousd. Pags. payable to Awdy Chittee to all three wee request yor. Due compliance out of which wee shall pay five or Six Thousand Pags. on account ye. Investment. Reced 31st. May 1703 ꝑ Pattamar'.

Dowed Cawne still remaines on ye. Banks of Colleroone River which is now become so deep by ye. freshes that ye. Tanjore People (as wee are advised) refuse compliance with his Demands and are only content to pay ye. Kings usuall Tribute so that its thought he will speedily remove to Chellumbrum and from thence to Porto Novo where he intends to stay some time and great preparations are makg. for his reception.

Wee awaite your orders to direct us whether wee shall send him any present and to what amount which shall be complyed with by

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your most hum̃ servants

Fort St. David
May ye. 28th. 1703.

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd. Mountague.
Richd. Farmer.
Trevor Games.
Jno. Berlu.

No. 42

To the Honble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for affaires of the Rt.
Honoble. East India Compa. on ye.
coast of Chormandell and Govr. of
Fort St. George and St. David &ca.
Councill.

Honoble. Sir &ca.

Your honr. &cas. of ye. 27th. ultimo came to our hands ye. 2d. Instant and if wee are mistaken in ye. intentions of ye. Rt. Honoble. Companys Instructions wee think wee are not in ye. words of their order which expressly says that ye. new Companys President and councill should repaire to you at Madrass and Joine with you in takeing an Inventory of ye. Dead stock in our masters settlements and wee being obliged to render all accounts to your honour &ca. concluded you would Reced [8] June 1703 ꝑ Pattamar.

think it best to deliver it them at Madrass wee shall in few dayes have all Inventories in a readin'ss which will ease them and ourselves too of a great deal of trouble if they come heither.

When any ship arrives with Timber and plank wee shall for y^e. future advise your hon^r. &c^a. But y^e. ship out of which wee bought ours being bound to S^t. Thoma wee thought it unnecessary.

The money that is paid by y^e. partners of Narro Reddes buiseness shall be remitted to your hon^r. &c^a. as you direct with a List of their names and shares but wee think it propper y^t. Somiah gives y^e. discharges who is principall concerned y^t. lent y^e. mony and now here and Narao Redde only sollicites y^s. buiseness because Somiah owes him mony.

Nabob Doud Cawne has agreed with the people of Tanjore and Trigonopoly after which he removed his camp about Two Gentue Leauges from whence (some are of opinion) he will go up to Arcott with y^e. Duan who is going thither to perform y^e. ceremony to his Wife lately dead But we have reason to conclude he is coming this way because yesterday y^e. Deputy Governour received an assurance thereof from Abdull Labbey and the Avaldar of Porto Novo Both which are making great preparations for his reception, When he is at Porto Novo wele' send him a present in such things as wee have to the amount your hon^r. &c^a. have ordered wch. wee wish may prove satisfactory But he gives it out publickly in his camp he will come ag^{st}. Cuddalore and Tevenepatam therefore desire you will please speedily to send us heither all the assistance you can.

The Mulla Kiddar Jean discharg'd himselfe from y^e. Companys service and had the impudence to tell the Deputty Governour before most of y^e. black servants that he did not value it and if wee did not like him wee might let him alone his report to your honour &c^a. for receiving all paddy for his wages is false for all the servants were paid halfe mony and halfe paddy, Its true he is one of our principall $serv^{ts}$. and his buiseness such as requires our confidence in him but let us dictate our Letters as wee think propper he will write them as he pleases which may prove very prejudiciall to the Companys affaires It would be too Teadious to yor. hon^r. &c^a. and look too much like prejudice to the fellow to ennumerate here y^e. many Rougeries he has committed and the severall complaints wee have reced from Hussen Cawn and others all which would have been excus'd as well as his late Saucy Language had he acknowledged his error and therefore wee hope y^r. hon^r. &c^a. wont please to order his reinstatement again till he do's it or otherwise wee cannott expect y^t. service and respect from our servants wee ought to have to keep them in due decorum.

Our Foul Consultation book shall be sent M^r. Fraser to compare with y^e. fair one and request as soon as they are signed you will send them us again for wee have no other Register here.

Jacob de Bane shall be permitted to go to his Family by y^e. first opportunity after y^e. prospect of our Troubles is over But request y^r. hon^r. &c^a. will send us another man in his roome for wee have none to spare wee remain

HONO^{BLE}. S^R. &C^A.
Your most hum servants

FORT S^T. DAVID
JUNE THE 5TH. 1703.

G. ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDM^D. MOUNTAGUE.
RICH^D. FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JN^O. BERLU.

N°. 43

To the Honble. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^{t}.
George &c^{a}. Councill.

May it please yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our last to your honour &c^{a}. was y^{e}. 30th. of January with postcript of 15th. February ꝑ Sloop Sumatra who sailed from y^{s}. Port the 27th. ultimo Duplicates being also sent ꝑ ship Bencoolen of whose sayling from Bantall as yet have not advices copy whereof is also now Remitted. Recẽd 11 June 1703 ꝑ ship Union.

Ship Union haveing now taken in w^{t}. pepper wee had and could possibly get for her here goes to Bantall in order to fill up where wee have orderd them what Pepper procurable there.

By Ketch S^{t}. George received Two chests Rose water omitted to be entred ꝑ Hampshire.

The R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company ꝑ ship Union sent only Ducatoons as y^{e}. Supracargoes advise us wch. is a coin y^{e}. Mallays are not acquainted with therefore they paid us out of their own stock in pillar Dollars which intreat they may be reimburst with.

Andrew De Monte Topaz Centinal on his request now goes on y^{e}. Union having served y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company Seaven or eight years on y^{s}. coast.

The undermentioned persons having paid the following summs into the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{s}. cash and requesting bill of Exchange on y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wee have presumed to grant them humbly crav^{g}. their acceptance.

	$	Su	Sa
Recẽd of Messrs. Josiah Cliffe and John Bebington paỹ to y^{m}.selves	889	1	—
Of M^{r}. Jno. Bebington pay̆ to him^{selfe}.	126	—	—
Of Capt^{t}. Jno. Goodsole pay to himselfe	539	—	—
Of D^{r}. Alexander Read payable to M^{r}. Thomas Wright	600	—	—
Of John Cooper payb^{le}. to Messrs. John Meverell and Richard Hunt	500	—	—
Dollr^{s}.	2654	1	—

M^{r}. Nath^{ll}. Eyton in his Letter to us of y^{e}. 20th. Ultimo signifying y^{e}. many abuses he recẽd from persons under him which having sufficient confirmation off from other hands wee therefore thought convenient to send M^{r}. Edmund Bugden to inspect affairs there and to remain Chief and M^{r}. Natth^{ll}. Eyton Second excludeing y^{e}. rest of those Troublesome gentlemen from y^{e}. Councill your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. may expect by y^{s}. ship who will sail thence a full account of y^{e}. management of affairs in those parts from themselves who we have ordered to be full in their Advices ꝑ all Opportunities.

The Dutch troubles to y^{e}. N^{o}.ward still continue and as wee are lately advised by people come from those parts they have turned off from siledo and Taken severall of their great Gunns.

The Deputty Governour has received a Letter from y^{e}. mandareens of Pryaman &c^{a}. adjacent parts being to invite y^{e}. English to settle amongst them copy of the said Letter comes herewth. to wch. referr Tis a plentifull well peopled and pleas^{t}. country and an extraordinary good harbour and wth. submission beleive will prove a very advantagious settlement to our R^{ti}. Hono^{ble}. Masters, but if once attempted must be done effectually with a good force otherwise shall expose y^{m}. to y^{e}. resentments of y^{e}. Dutch.

Having not further to add at present crave leave to subscribe.

May it please yr. honr. [&ca.]
Your most Obedt. hum servants

York Fort
ye. 6th. March $170\frac{2}{3}$.

Richard Watts.
George Shaw.
Edmund Bugden.
Robt. Broughton.

List of ye. Pacquett to Fort St. George ₰ ship Union.

N: 1. Generall Letter to Fort St. George ₰ Ship Union Datd. ye. 6th. March $170\frac{2}{3}$.
2. Copy Ditto ₰ Sloop Sumatra Datd. ye. 30th. Janry. $170\frac{2}{3}$.
3. Copy Ship Hampshires Invoice to England.
4. List of ye. Pacqt. to Fort St. George ₰ Sloop Sumatra.
5. Translate of ye. Mandareens of Pryaman &ca. Letter to ye. D. Govr. reced 4th. March.
6. Copy Generall Letter to Bantall ₰ ship Union Dated ye. 4th. March $170\frac{2}{3}$.

No. 44

To the Honble Thoms. Piitt Esqr.
President and Governor. of
Fort St. George and Citty of
Madrass &ca. Councill.

Honoble. Sir &ca.

Reced 11th. June 1703 ₰ ship Union.

The last wee reced from your honour &ca. was by Ship Bencoolen; upon which now send ys. not having since then had ye. opportunity to acquaint your honour &ca. of ye. affairs of these parts she attained ys. road ye. 24 September and in few days proceeded for Bencoolen where has been ever since till came here again ye. 12th. Instt. with orders to us from ye. Worshipful Deputty Governour and Councill at York Fort to supply them with pepper to fill them up which upon arrivall at your Port your honour &ca. is to have ye. refusall of on our Rt. Honble. masters account accordingly have furnisht them wth. Baharrs 78. £133 to and she is just upon the point of parting.

Since our last (which was by Ketch Josiah) this country has not been so peaceble as wee hoped for in June Panlema Teca came into these parts, in hopes to raise some Disturbance whereby he might impart [*sic*] renew his desperate Fortune, but Thank God our dilligence (assisted with ye. help of ye. Rajahs and all ye. Mallays in generall who are Jealous of his cruelty and intention) caused him to return without doing any more harm then giving us a months Trouble.

But our Tranquility lasted not long for ye. old Emperours son Rajah Massa and ye. young King of Indrapore Rajah Passiseere Serjedo [...] a Town a little above Manduta upon [...] whence it was upwards of six months ere' could expell them notwithstanding wee had ye. assistance of severall parties of Bugasses from Bencoolen besides a great number of Mallays entertained here wch. has put our Rt. Honble. Masters to a very great charge in paying $ 5 ₰ mensem wch. has halfe a Doller more yn. to our Europe soldiers nor are they so obedient, as serviceable as our own fighting just when and as they please but our misfortune is and has been for a long time yt. have not wherewith to employ on such occasions as by ye. enclosed List yr. honr. &ca. may perceive yet now all is

quiet they being forced to returne towards Indrapore and the Towne by us destroyed with all y^{e}. coconutt and fruit trees to prevent y^{e}. Inhabiting or returne of such persons as may give y^{e}. like trouble for y^{e}. future.

During our besetting y^{e}. aforesaid Towne had our gunner there with a feild peice but to little Effect; for wee have often experienced in such cases y^{e}. Mallay cast up brest works and entrench y^{m}. selves wholly abandoning their houses which are generally made but of Bark and straw so y^{t}. Gunshott are spent to no purpose wch. makes us propose to y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. sending some small mortarrs with their shells which if such as to be handsomely transported would certainly be a very propper means to drive y^{m}. out of their holes on such occasions if any should happen for y^{e}. future.

Pepper wee have sent this year past severall quantities by y^{e}. small vessells to York Fort as also upon Ship Sarum in her way from Bengall so that with filling up y^{s}. ship Bencoolen have no more left in godown than about 50 Baharrs at Mandutta and about 30 at Iredickett but more is daily coming in and expect more upon new crop which will compleated [*sic*] next month wee do all wee can to forward y^{e}. pepper plantations one means of which is disencouraging y^{e}. cotton trade cultivating which takes them of y^{e}. other but wee have almost confounded it.

Wee humbly intreat y^{t}. y^{e}. first ship y^{t}. comes for y^{s}. Coast may in case ordered to touch here bring us a chest of Physick for tho' wee have a Surgeon (M^{r}. Thomas Crump) lately from Bencoolen yet have not halfe a crownes worth of medicines y^{e}. want of which causes our sick to be long upon recovery if ever they attaine it.

The want of civill and Military persons wee submitt to your honour &c^{a}. considerations upon the Perusall of y^{e}. enclosed List wee had lately from Bencoolen one M^{r}. Peter Leicester a writer but he soon Dyed besides which wee must humbly recommend to y^{r}. honour &c^{a}. our great want of slaves having lately among y^{e}. few wee have had a great mortality besides having often applyed our selves to York Fort they are unable to assist us, so y^{t}. with submission crave a supply if possible to be procured for at present have not wherewith to do our Employm^{ts}. but are forced to hire y^{e}. souldiers off y^{e}. [feild] to serve in y^{e}. cookroome and carry Bu[rdens].

Wee have adventured to draw some Bills of Exchange on your honour &c^{a}. which crave yor. good acceptance off Viz^{t}.

	\$rs:	Su:	Sa:
Received of M^{r}. Natt^{h}ll. Eyton payb^{le}. to M^{r}. Thom^{s}. Wigmore 14th. Dec^{r}.	1000	—	—
D^{o}. of F^{r}. Antonio de S^{t}. Guilherme payb^{le}. to himself y^{s}. Date	350	—	—
D^{o}. of Capt^{t}. Christopher Dixon and M^{r}. Peter Wallis payb^{le}. to y^{m}.selves of this Date	1950	1	—
\$rs.	3300	1	—

More at This time offers not worthy y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{as}. knowledge hoping in little time to have anoth^{r}. opportunity In y^{e}. interim humbly subscribe.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Your most Faithfull Dutifull and obed^{t}. servants

BANTALL
FEBRUARY Y^{E}. 25TH. 170$\frac{3}{4}$.

NATTHANIELL EYTON.
THOMAS KINGSLEY.
ROBERT SCOTT.

N°. 45

To the Honble. Thom^s^. Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort S^t^.
George and city of Madras &c^a^.
Councill.

Hono^ble^. Sir &c^a^.

Recd. 11th. June 1703 ₰ ship Union.

Our last was on y^e^. 25th. February by ship Bencoolen coppy of wch. is inclosed whereto referr.

This comes by ship Union she arrived here y^e^. 20th. ultimo from York Fort with orders for us to spare her as much pepper as possibly wee could in order to fill her up, Coppy of y^e^. Deputty Govr. and Counc^lls^. Generall Letter received by her send herewith.

Upon ship Union came M^r^. Edmund Bugden cheif of y^s^. Factory occasioned by M^r^. Natthaniell Eytons writing to y^e^. Deputty Govr. and councill a Letter Dated the 20th. February requesting y^e^. same and to remain as second till acco^tts^. during his be^g^. cheif was made up and adjusted which was occasion'd bysome differences between him and Messrs. Thom^s^. Kingsley and Robert Scott of his councill which y^e^. Cheif is enjoyned particularly to enquire into and render an impartiall account both to your honour &c^a^. and y^e^. Deputty Governour and Counc^ll^. at York Fort which he would have sent y^r^. hon^r^. &c^a^. now but y^e^. short stay of y^s^. ship and y^e^. streights wee are put too to provide pepper for her does wholly employ us so that he can't possibly take cognizance of it till after her departure desireing to do it liberately but yor. hon^r^. &c^a^. may expect to have it certainly ₰ y^e^. very first coppie of M^r^. Eytons Letter forementioned do now send for yor. perusall.

Since expelling Raja Passiseer and Raja Massau from Sunisawgo y^e^. country continues quiet and hope will be less troublesome for y^e^. future y^n^. formerly it has been But [. . . .]about Padang are all in a hurly [Burly] and give y^e^. Dutch much Trouble and severall of y^e^. head men in those parts have by Letters and messengers invited y^e^. Deputty Govr. of York Fort to settle an English Factory in those countrys of which presume they have given your honour &c^a^. an ample account.

Our Great want of slaves as in our last mentioned must crave leave to repeat being exceedingly wanted to forward our Build^gs^. &c^a^. Factory service for we cant have a Mallay to work more y^n^. four dayes for a Doll^r^. and y^t^. very lazily too also a chest of medicines we crave by y^e^. first, since our last had from York Fort a small quantity, but farr short from o^r^. urgent and Dayly occasions for better knowing our need in y^s^. particular have inclosed a List of what propper drawne by our Chirurgeon.

This Factory is very well seated much better and farr more healthfull y^n^. Tryamong and Wele' study to improve it in that respect by clearing away y^e^. woods neare it to a good distance and building more Lodgings and godowns wch. are much wanted herewith send a plat of y^e^. Factory &c^a^. drawn by our Gunner.

Wee cannott give your honour &c^a^. any acco^tt^. of pepper in our godownes y^s^. ship after so many foregoing clears all within 20 Bahars, on board ship Union have Laden Bahars 159. 65 £ for wch. they have paid us with charges and y^e^. usual Duty of halfe penny ₰ pound.

Wee must once more trespass upon o^r^. good masters and your honour and councills patience in behalfe of M^r^. Charles Frith who has been very subserv^t^. and alwayes ready in our hono^ble^. masters affairs and is a very capable person to serve y^m^. these parts understand^g^. y^e^. Language well, and deporting himselfe modestly, and soberly and presume to offer y^e^. consideration thereof to your pleasures.

Wee now draw Bills of Exchange on yr. honr. &ca. for $rs. 1660. 3 — Received here of Mr. Edmund Bugden payable to Mr. Charles Bugden or order Dated ys. day.

Wee send inclosed coppie of ye. first consultation upon ye. chiefs arrivall supposing it may be acceptable in giving knowledge yor. honr. &ca. how matters yn. stood more wee cannott in ys. hurry both Domestick and Foreign but by the first ship as forementioned be assured of an ample account.

Mrs. Eyton Takes her Passage upon ship Union for your place with Permission.

Att ys. Juncture wee cannott further inlarge but with all due respect to our good masters and hearty wishes for ye. prosperity of their affairs wee subscribe.

BANTALL
APRILL YE. 5TH. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most Obedt. humble. servts.

EDMUND BUGDEN.
NATTHANIELL EYTON.

BANTALL APRILL YE. 5TH. 1703.

LIST OF YE. PACQUETT VIZT:

N. 1. Chief and Councills Genll. Letter to Fort St. George Dated Aprill ye. 5th. 1703.
2. Copy of our Generall to Fort St. George Dated February ye. 25th. last.
3. Coppy of York Forts Generall Dated 4th. Ultimo.
4. Coppy of Mr. Natthl. Eytons Letter to ye. Deptty. Govr. of York Fort Dated 20th. February last.
5. Coppy of Dyarys and Consultations from ye. 20 to ye. 22d. ultimo.
6. List of medicines wanting for ys. Factory.
7. Ground platt of ye. Factory.
8. List of the Pacquett.

No. 46

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMS. PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF YE. RT. HONOBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA.
AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA.
COUNCILL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Our last was ye. 9th. Instant wth. a Bengall Pacquett since which wee have reced yor. honr. &ca. Dated 30th. Aprill and 13th. Instant wth. copy of your Generall ⅌ Charles and Betty sloop Datd. 18th. and 28th. March wth. ye. severall paprs. accordg. to List. Recd [13th June] 1703 ⅌ Pattamarr.

Wee are sorry to hear your honr. &ca. upon perusg. our goods ⅌ ship Phœnix should find ym. come very indifferent they were ye. best wee could gett and as to our sorting them ye. Merchts. were soe stubborn yt. Mr. Richard Harrison haveing onely sorted Two Bales of saddarunchers to No. 3 they would not agree to it and for Two days would not let us sort a peice so yt. wee were forced to comply or must have taken their goods out of their godowne by force ye. ship being then in ye. road.

As to our making up accounts wth. our merchants and pay them their Ballance upon ye. concludeing of our investment is what has been always practised in ye. Factory for wee could not prevaile with them to signe any contract to bring in

y^{e}. 2500 Pag^{s}. of Chay goods for y^{e}. January ship but promis'd they would use their best endeavours and if y^{e}. ship had not arrived here so very early (4th. Jan^{ry}.) wee have good reason to beleive they would have been as good their word for before y^{e}. ship sailed out of y^{s}. road they had brought in above halfe y^{e}. quantity but however upon making up accounts charged them with 2500 Pag^{s}. and afterwards payed them noe more then y^{e}. amount of y^{e}. chay goods they had brought in wch. wee did thinke would be more for y^{e}. advantage of our hono^{ble}. masters then for their money to lye in their cash chest [and] the goods carried to y^{e}. New Company wh[o had th]en a ship in y^{e}. road to load home besides y^{e}. merch^{ts}. promised us upon paying them y^{e}. 1500 Pag^{s}. for y^{e}. chay goods y^{t}. if your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. did not approve of it They would repay it againe and if wee had not complyed with them (by wch. wee brought their Debt from 2500 Pag^{s}. to 1500 P) they wo'^{d} not have brought in a peice of chay goods more having no mony of y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{as}. in their hands and if y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. do's not approve of o^{r}. takeing in these goods or that y^{e}. Merchants ought to make y^{e}. Comp^{a}. satisfaction for y^{e}. Disapointment there is sufficient of theirs in o^{r}. Factory
Pag^{s}.
to Do it at least 20000 in goods so y^{e}. [*sic*] y^{t}. y^{e}. Chief hopes y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. upon what is now wrote will not presist in your opinions that it is so very absurd an action y^{t}. nobody but y^{e}, Present Chief would be guilty off neither was it done by y^{e}. Chief without y^{e}. advice and consent of y^{e}. Councill and y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in yours of y^{e}. 17th. Jan^{ry}. in answer to ours of y^{e}. 9th. Ditto do's not disapprove of our advanceing y^{e}. 2500 Pag^{s}. to our Merchants.

Wee shall send to y^{e}. Timber Merch^{ts}. at Madapoll^{m}. about provideing y^{e}. Timbers and plank y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. has ordered and if possible get them ready for y^{e}. September ship.

The account of Firewood Boats wch. y^{e}. Chief sent to y^{e}. Govr. was 8 Boats Amounting to Pag^{s}. 260. 9 of which five are arrived as ℘ Acco^{tt}. receiv'd from M^{r}. Secretary and y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. orders him to be reimburst out of y^{e}. Comp^{s}. Cash for y^{e}. same but not for y^{e}. Three boats wch. lost their passage wch. he alsoe paid for at y^{e}. same time he hired y^{m}. and Does thinke it very hard y^{t}. yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a} should keep him out of his money and make him run y^{e}. risgoe of y^{e}. Boats to Madrass by ordering him to be p^{d}. for no more Boats of wood y^{n}. is arrived wth. you wch. amo^{ts}. to but Pag^{s}. 163.

The Presid^{ts}. Letter to y^{e}. Govr. of y^{s}. place wee have not reced nor yor. Acco^{tt}. Curr^{t}. and Journ^{ll}. parcells Taken of your Bookes T T U U Till when cannott adjust accounts between This Factory and Fort S^{t}. George.

Your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in yo^{rs}. of y^{e}. 30th. Aprill advise of dispatching y^{e}. Charles and Betty for y^{s}. place y^{e}. 2^{d}. of s^{d}. month with severall things for pres^{ts}. of wch. wee have heard no news off Therefore conclude she's gone Directly for Bengall wch. is great Disappointment to us haveing nothing in our Factory propper for Presents y^{e}. Phousdar &c^{a}. now begin to be very Troublesome on That account so y^{t}. if your honour &c^{a}. do's not send us things proper to make them their usuall Presents wee shall meet with a great Deal of Trouble and they do threaten our DuBash y^{t}. y^{e}. Companys shall save nothing by not giving y^{m}. th^{r}. pres^{ts}.

The buiseness of y^{e}. Norries Wrack is now quite given over for Lost and M^{r}. Pitt before he Dyed was out of hopes and Designed if it pleased God hee lived to come away for y^{s}. place in a day or Two M^{r}. Tiller &c^{a}. arrived here y^{e}. 12th. past and y^{e}. next day solemnized M^{r}. Pitts Death by hoisting y^{e}. Kings Flagg halfe mast and fireing Gunns and y^{e}. same Evening sent us a Paper (Copy whereof comes Inclosed)) where[in he inti]mated y^{t}. he designed y^{e}. next morning at y^{e}. [new Compan]ys Factory to have M^{r}. Pitts Comission and y^{e}. Queens Proclamation read publickly and requir'd o^{r}. Comp^{a}. by vertue of wch. he Takes upon him y^{e}. Title of Consull and President for y^{e}. new Comp^{a}. of wch. wee have not taken y^{e}. least notice of but after wee had taken a coppy of his paper tore it and sent it him back writing on y^{e}. back side y^{t}. it no wayes concern'd us & consequently required no other answer to wch. have had no reply from him.

Inclosed is y^{e}. Chiefs noat he sent M^{r}. Jno. Pitt Relating to Woolstons buisenesse wth. a perticular acc^{t}. of all occurrences to y^{e}. time of his being carryed off y^{e}. shoar signd by him and M^{r}. Faucett and also o^{r}. reasons for Messrs. Harrison &c^{a}. not sitting in Councill aft^{r}. their returne they Did sit in Councill to y^{e}. last Consultation we had before they went off y^{e}. shoar and at Their returne were not refused by us neither did they ever Demand it but had y^{e}. same allowances of servants &c^{a}. as they had before.

Inclosed is Account cash from January last by wch. your honour &c^{a}. will perceive y^{t}. wee have not sufficient to Defray y^{e}. charges of y^{e}. Factory another month & wee cannot get Bills here Therefore Desire y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will send us a speedy supply and y^{n}. shall when y^{e}. season presents supply you with y^{e}. Quantity of Firewood you order if possible.

Wee have acquainted our Merch^{ts}. of an Investm^{t}. in Chay goods and y^{t}. wee now expected considerable abatements wee bid Them consider well of it they have returned y^{e}. possitive answer y^{t}. they can make no abatements in Chay goods neither can they make a contract in chay goods alone without white goods and y^{m}. they able only to make abatements upon Three sorts of goods Viz^{t}. Gulcondah Betteelas Diapers and Dimmittyes.

The Pacqueett yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. sent for Presid^{t}. John Pitt & Councill wee have sent to M^{r}. W^{m}. Tiller concern^{g}. wch. wee do not hear any Report from y^{e}. Natives.

Our Bookes are brought to y^{e}. usuall time of Ballancing wch. will be done in a short time and then shall send them to yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. but wee are in great want of Factors Provisions and also hope yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will send a supply of Liquors haveing had none from y^{e}. Comp^{a}. for Twelve months past.

(31 Ditto)

Since writeing y^{e}. Foregoing we rec^{d}. yor. hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. of y^{e}. 21st. Inst^{t}. y^{s}. day by M^{r}. Juxon by wch. wee observe y^{t}. y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. has y^{e}. news of M^{r}. John Pitts death wch. you are under an apprehension will occasion y^{e}. New Comp^{s}. people no small Trouble fro y^{e}. Govr. and their Merchants but as yet all things goes on very quietly and y^{e}. Goverment has not given them the least Trouble.

Wee observe what y^{e}. Twenty four Mannag^{rs}. write to aid and assist each other on all occasions but sh^{ll}. have a due regard to yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Command not to involve o^{r}. Comp^{s}. affaires or our selves in any thing relating to their affaires without yor. hon^{r}. &c^{as}. possitive orders and as anything new shall happen on y^{s}. occasion send yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. advices Thereof wth. all Expedition. Wee have sent your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Letter to y^{e}. New Comp^{s}. Chief and Councill here wch. he recẽd and do suppose will send yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. an answer Wee are.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. most Obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. serv^{ts}.

Stephen [Frewen].
Thomas [Faucett].
J. Harrison.
Richard Harrison.

Metchlepatam
29th May 1703.

No. 47

To the Honble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
President for Affaires of ye. Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
& Governr. of Fort St. George &ca.
Councill.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Recd 13th. June 1703 ℘ Pattamarr. Your honr. &ca. in your Generall Letter to ys. place Dated ye. 30th. Aprill are pleased to order yt. wee should give an account of ye. conference & noats wch. past between Mr. Jno. Pitt & Mr. Frewen relating to ye. buiseness wch. happened about Woolston to wch. please to accept of ye. following reply, wee having notice yt. Mr. Woolston was prepareing himselfe to go aboard a vessell in ye. road bound for Bengall belonging to ye. New Comps. Carpenter and having good reason to beleive ye. Compas. being Joined yt. Mr. John Pitt would be no way Assisting to his going from hence if hee found that wee opposed it, and therefore wrote him ye. following Noate Vizt.

Honble. Sr.

I am Informed yt. Mr. Woolston is prepareing to goe to Bengall on Mr. Wallers Vessell but hope now ye. Comps. are Joined youle' not be any wayes assisting to his going from ye. place nor in ye. least impeed my stopping him wch. is my possitive orders from ye. Fort and most certainly ye. Compa. by next ship will give particular orders for him to be called to account for his past actions.

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I am
Sir
Yor. most humble servant
Stephen Frewen.

To which he sent me no answer in writing but sent Mr. Glasswell to me to acquaint me if I pleased to come to him when I was at Leisure he would discourse me about ye. noate he had recd from me I accordingly went in ye. Evening and he show'd me a Bond sign'd by Woolston for 3000 Pags. to appeare either here or at Fort St. George whenever Mr. Pitt should order him and That he should live under Sr. Edward Littletons protection whilst he staid in Bengall and yt. he would send copy of ye. Bond to Sr. Edward who hee had given a particular accott. of all yt. had passed about Woolston woul be never ye. further off, for making ye. Compa. Satisfaction if he wrongd ym. but yt. hee could not answr. keeping him neither could he answer by his Commission to deliver him up without orders from England In answer to which I told him that his Bond was no manner of security for his appearence nobody being bound with him and If he could not answer keeping him I would which he would not consent to neither could he answer it by his Commission which I told him I could say nothing to but if he got off I must protest against ye. Master of The vessell wch. he told me I might do but it would signifie nothing; ys. according to ye. best of my memory is all ye. Discourse I had wth. Mr. Pitt about Woolston wch. ye. next morning I acquainted Mr. Faucett and agreed yt. he and our Chief DuBash should goe to ye. Phousdar about stopping him wch. accordingly did and was stop't by ye. Phouzdar for Three dayes and if wee had [given] ye. Phouzdar money (wch. wee had no orders [to) wee] are of opinion twould have signified nothing Mr. Pitt haveing all ye. Officers on his side and did declare publickly yt. he would carry him off let it cost what it would, but

as to ye. manner of his doing it after he had got leave of ye. Phouzdar was very surprizing to all in ye. Factory nobody knowing any Thing of his designe till he came out of his house.

Yor. Honr. &ca. are also pleased in sd. Letters to order us to give our reasons for excludeing ye. 3 Gentlemen of ye. Councill before they left ye. shoare and refused ye. receiving ym. into Councill after their returne wee know nothing of their being excluded ye. Councill before They left ye. shoare and Did sit in Councill ye. day before they went off, and as to their not signeing ye. Genll. Letter was not done designedly they being in a hurry and There being nothing in ye. Letter yt. did anyways particularly relate to Those gentlemen did [thinke] twa's of no great Importance whether they sign'd it or not and at their returne wee were of opinion yor. honr. &ca. having in yor. Generall Dated 17th. January ordered yt. ye. buiseness of ye. Factory should be negotiated by me and Mr. Faucett yt. wee could not reinstate them in their places wth. out yr. honr. &ca. orders But upon receipt of ye. Presidents particular Letter wch. wee reced ye. 19th. March wherein yr. honr. writes that they should be ordered in their places as before by ye. Genll. Letter in Two or Three days wch. wee waited for but not arriving did Take them into Councill and tis ye. true reason of our not Takeing them in upon rect. of ye. Letter.

Metchlepm. 31st. May 1703.

Stephen Frewen.
Thoms. Faucett.

List of ye. Pacquett.

N. 1. Metchlepm. Genll. to F. St. George Dated 29th. and 31st May 1703
2. Messrs. Frewen and Faucetts perticular reason of all Occurrences relating to Woolston and also thr. reason for not reinstateing ye. 3 Gentlemen in Thier stations on their returne.
3. A Copy of a Paper reced from Mr. William Tillard ye. 13th. May 1703.
4. Copy of Metchlepatam Account Cash.
5. List of Goods in Metchlepatam Godown.
6. List of ye. Pacquett.

No. 48

To Thoms. Pitt Esqr. President
for affairs of the Company
of Merchts. of London tradeing
to ye. East Indies &ca. Councill.

Srs.

I reced yours of ye. 13th. of May directed to Jno. Pitt Esqr. Presidt. &ca. Councill and of ye. 21st. Do. to ye. Cheif &ca. Councill but since it was Gods will to Take from us our Presidt. and now ye. only Person left to answr. ym. wch. is as follows. Reced 14 June 1703 ꝑ Pattamarr.

Both yrs. abovementioned I reced Together ye. 31st. Ulto. from Mr. Frewen ꝑ ye. hands of Matt Weld ye. 1st. letter was inclosed a copy of one from ye. managrs. of ye. united Trade by wch. I understand [ye. Un]ion of ye. Two Companys and their ord[ers to th]eir severall Presidts. in India concerning their Dead stock.

Said Letter mentions a copy of a writing wch. conveys ye. Dead Stock of ye. Old Compa to ye. New I desire you would please to oblige me wth. a copy thereof if no prejudice to yr. affairs for I am still in ye. Dark abt. ye. method ye. Compy. design to take in respect to their Dead stock I suppose yu. may have an accott. of

w^{t}. is agreed upon to be such ℘ our masters y^{e}. Hono^{ble}. managers of y^{e}. United Comp^{a}. write y^{t}. wee are jointly to draw up an Inventory of y^{e}. said Dead stock for y^{e}. performing of s^{d}. order in yo^{rs}. y^{t}. y^{e}. Presid^{t}. and Councill of y^{e}. New Comp^{a}. are to go to Fort S^{t}. George and afterwards to return with some persons to Take an acc^{tt}. of y^{e}. Dead stock here and at Madapollam But I suppose wee are not to go from hence till receive ord^{rs}. from our Directors for so doing, consequently y^{t}. Affair must be Deferred till wee hear also fro o^{r}. M^{rs}.

Our Presid^{t}. Jno. Pitt Esqr. Dyed at Daurum Parr y^{e}. 8th. Ultimo between 9 and 10th. at night he was Taken with an appoplectick fitt about 4 in y^{e}. afternoon in wch. he Dyed, a great loss y^{t}. remain no Remedy but Patience.

I return you many Thanks for y^{r}. offer'd Assistance in y^{rs}. of y^{e}. 21st. Ult^{o}. yor. obliging Expressions therein mittigates my great concern at y^{e}. Loss of Presid^{t}. Pitt whose Death is much Lamented ℘ y^{e}. Fuzdar &c^{a}. officers of y^{s}. place and They promise to be my Freinds altho, I understand you have heard y^{e}. contrary at Fort S^{t}. George.

My only request now is y^{t}. a mutuall Freindship and correspondence may be kept up Between us to y^{e}. advantage of our Hono^{ble}. Employers and satisfaction of us Their serv^{ts}. I shall always endeavour to Approve myselfe.

S^{RS}.

Y^{r}. Real Freind and most hum^{ble}. servant,

W^{M}. TILLARD.

METCHLEPATAM
JUNE Y^{E}. 3^{D}. 1703.

N^{O}. 49

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOM^{S}. PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}. R^{T}.
HONO^{BLE}. EAST INDIA COMP^{A}. ON Y^{E}.
COAST OF CHORMANDELL AND GOV^{R}. OF
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVID &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Reced 15 June 1703 ℘ Pattamarr.

Our last to your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. bore date y^{e}. 5th. Instant, on y^{e}. 8th. wee reced Yours of y^{e}. 21st. May with Inclosed Invoice and Bill of Loading for Packing stuff received by a Parr Anjamangalum On the same day wee dispatched M^{r}. Games to Porto Novo wth. a present to Dowed Cawn and y^{e}. Duan [where] he mett Abdall Labbey who kindly introduced [him] to y^{e}. Nobob and was very serviceable in pers[wading] him to thinke our present very sufficient and giving M^{r}. Games an Honourable and kind reception and y^{e}. usuall Tashrief wch. otherwise would hardly have been done Indeed he is our sincere and honourable Friend and has been always ready to Assist us w^{n}. our occasions requires for which as well as for former service wee remain his Debtor tho he would not accept of any part of y^{e}. present wee sent, The 10th. about 3 a clock in y^{e}. afternoon appeared about Six hundred horse and Between four and five y^{e}. whole army was encamped to y^{e}. number of about Ten Thousand and stretched th^{r}. Tents from Trepoppilore to Bandipollam, upon which y^{e}. Allarum was fired and all Things in very good readiness for their Reception In y^{e}. Rear of y^{e}. Army came Doud Cawne with y^{e}. Duan and Abdull Lebbey wch. proved very Fortunate for just as they passed near Cuddalore M^{r}. Games arrived with a Serpaw for y^{e}. Deputy Governour from y^{e}. Nabob wch. was reced wth. fireing of Gunns wch. occasioned Dowed Cawn to enquire what was y^{e}. meaning Thereof and being told seemed very well pleased therewith about nine Abdull Labbeys Chubdar came with a message to the Deputty Governour adving [*sic*] y^{t}. y^{e}. Nabob Dowed Cawne y^{e}. Duan and his Master was arrived in y^{e}. Camp and bid him to Assure us y^{t}. no acts of hostility should be comitted

and desired y^{t}. wee would send orders to y^{e}. Inhabitants of Trepoppilore and Bandipollam not to be afraid for y^{t}. no harme should happen to them and y^{t}. for what Damage any of y^{e}. Inhabitants had suffered by y^{e}. Armys encampment before his arrivall he would severely chastise those people y^{t}. committed it and order restitution to be made To all wch. y^{e}. Dep^{tty}. Govr. returned a very curtious answer and bid him to assure his Master y^{t}. as long as he remained in y^{e}. Camp wee was too well assured of his Freindship to suspect any harme would happen to o^{r}. Inhabitants.

This day about eight in y^{e}. morning the Nabob sent a Message to y^{e}. Deputty Govr. y^{t}. if our Inhabitants had suffered any wrong he would order Restitution to be made and desir'd y^{e}. Dep^{tty}. Govr. to send his Peons to Assure y^{e}. Inhabitants y^{t}. they might returne to their own homes for that he had sent his Boiles to watch in y^{e}. Townes to see y^{t}. no violence was offered them In returne of which message The Dep^{tty}. Governour sent y^{e}. Egypt with a complement to y^{e}. Nabob Doud Cawne and Thank him for y^{e}. order he had given and by y^{e}. same Egypt he sent him some Basketts of Fruit wch. was kindly received about Ten y^{s}. morning wee heard y^{e}. signall for y^{e}. Army to decamp which They accordingly did about Two hours after cheifly occasioned by y^{e}. Intercession or perswasion of our good Freind Abdull Labbey who alledged y^{t}. if he did not speedily Decamp it would be very prejudical and Frighten The Inhabitants out of y^{e}. Bounds About Eleaven a clock Kisna Iapuntala arrived [here from] y^{e}. Nabob and brought with him Five [...] seaven Turbetts, and seaven peices of Beetteelaes which he sent to y^{e}. Dep^{tty}. Governour and request'd That he would deliver y^{m}. in his name to such of y^{e}. renters or Inhabitants that had suffer'd any wrong wch. is accordingly done.

Wee Thought it our Duty to Trouble yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. with y^{e}. whole Transaction of This Buiseness by which you may perceive the success wee have had and how Fortunately wee have got ridd of a Troublesome Enemy with little or no prejudice to y^{e}. Comp^{s}. Bounds The army is now gone to Waldore wee shall keep our spyes upon his motions tho' wee have no great reason now to fear his returne so shall have no occasion for y^{e}. supply of men formerly wrote for Which being y^{e}. needfull with due respect crave leave to Subscribe.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most hum̃ servants

Fort S^{t}. David
June y^{e}. 11th. 1703.

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm^{d}. Mountague.
Richard Farmer.
T^{r}. Games.
Jno. Berlu.

N°. 50

To the Hono^{ble}. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t}. for Affairs of y^{e}. R^{t}.
Honble. East India Company &
Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{a}. Councill.

S^{rs}.

Since ours of y^{e}. 3^{d}. Instant Copie of which comes enclosed have rec^{d}. yo^{rs}. of y^{e}. 29th. March with all Papers according to List. Rec̃ed 18th. June 1703 ℔ Pattamarr

Wee observe w^{t}. you write about our sending Two vessells Loaden wth. bales to assist y^{e}. coast Tonnage if you Think our intentions therein was to invest y^{e}. coast stock in Bengall you are und^{r}. a mistake (what wee have done was purely on y^{r}. motions) for some Trouble but no advantage to us Thereby wee are glad you are in such circumstances not To only to provide for y^{e}. coast Tonnage but have thoughts of sending Bales to Bengall in requitall if so wee are pretty well assur'd wee shall not have y^{e}. vexation y^{e}. next season of provideing freights for your shipping to Persia &c^{a}. places but beleive youle' alter your measures when you have considered that of those bales sent by y^{e}. Two vessells above Fifty thereof are Gurras wch. are yearly wrott for and having such a large Quantity there will be a supply for some time and if you are willing to assist y^{e}. Bengall Tonnage wee think twould be best to send Two or Three hundred bales of coast goods acquiescing unto y^{e}. orders of your Presidency to y^{s}. Agency y^{t}. in warr times twould be better to have y^{e}. Bay and coast goods sent home on each ship [...] either miscarry o^{r}. masters may have [...] of goods to supply y^{e}. Europe Marts.

As for y^{e}. Debt contracted in Bengall wch. we had little occasion to have made for y^{e}. ship consigned to y^{s}. place tis an errour on y^{e}. right hand at worst now our masters can say they have experienced various managements they have had ships on demorage and dispatcht for England when great stocks were left in y^{e}. country which upon dislike they have Loaden shipping empty godown and cash chests they gave orders y^{t}. an Interest should be made with Muttradass to supply y^{m}. with Thirty Thousand pounds worth of goods at Interest wch. he not being able to do they have three time y^{e}. Quantity from oth^{rs}. If they like not to be indebted tis y^{e}. easiest thing y^{t}. can be to prevent it whatsoever becomes of their shipping as tis Gentlemen in all affairs to find fault if you please to forgive what past wee assure you shall never y^{e}. second time Trouble you with Bengall goods but in all our proceedings must wait for o^{r}. Masters Determination and are in hopes of th^{r}. approbation.

The Prince hath at least sent his husbolom^{r}. to all places to clear y^{e}. Europeans and th^{r}. Effects he insists upon y^{e}. Fiveteen Thous^{d}. Rup^{s}. formerly demanded before y^{e}. Duan gives his sunnud for free trade wee put y^{m}. off wth. fair words & wee hope to do so untill our masters shipping arrives at which time wee must comply to give the Prince a present of Broadcloth Rarities &c^{a}. wch. wee beleive will be y^{e}. larger since y^{e}. Prince is made subah of Pattana but we shall thereby get his Nishuan to carry a Trade in y^{t}. province and o^{r}. Investments will be made y^{e}. easier in Bengall.

When the Chambers Friggott arrives with mony, or any of o^{r}. masters shipping from England wele' buy y^{e}. first salt Petre y^{t}. comes frõ Pattana, designing to order people on y^{e}. way to bargain for y^{e}. same before it comes near hughly but at pres^{t}. there's no Petre to be bo^{t}. in hughly and wee are out of cash, disposeing of y^{e}. round pepper for mony to defray y^{e}. expence of y^{e}. garrison should no Petre arrive early enough to dispatch y^{e}. Chambers by y^{e}. p^{mo}. of Sepr. from Buffelo Point she must Tarry untill y^{e}. monsoon time is over before she be sent on y^{e}. coast wch. wee Judge must be y^{e}. beginning of November to sail from hence without she returns for Madrass in August with what necessarys and stores wrote for to take in y^{e}. Salt Petre and bales already lodged there to which pleas to let us have yor. opinion that wee may act nothing relating to y^{e}. shipping consigned to you which may be Taken in ill part.

Thomas Harris arrived here y^{e}. 13th. in y^{e}. morning in y^{e}. Charles and Betty sloop and Delivered us a Pacquett which was directed to M^{r}. Frewen &c^{a}. in Metchlepatam and acquainted us y^{t}. he had goods on board for that place wee examined him wherefore he did not put them on shoare there to which he and his Boatswaine both affirm y^{t}. they mett with gusts and bad weather and a current wch. drove them by y^{e}. Port but wee being not altogether satisfied with y^{s}. account beleiving y^{t}. M^{r}. Harris might be[...]full and unacquainted wth. going into y^{e}. Bay[...]take any excuse to prevent Trouble ha[...] severely repremanded him

and he is now on his good behaviour whether he shall be continued in ye. Comps. service or not wee opened ye. Pacquett for Thoms. Harris his Bill of Ladeing and to know what goods were on board which are Landed and shall be sent to Metchlepatam by ye. Comps. shipping yt. may be ordered to touch there without you give farther directions about them reading yor. Lre to Mr. Frewen &ca. wee understood yt. Woolston was run away fro Metchlepm. indebted to ye. Rt. Honble. Compa. wherefore ye. morning before ye. receipt of yours wee wrote a Letter to Sr. Edward Littleton &ca. copie of wch. comes Inclosed (tho have reced no answer) and desired ym. to give him no protection wee are sending vessells down to Ballasore and design to give orders for seizing Sam Woolston to wch. end a Letter will be sent to ye. Phousdar not to protect him and an ordr. to ye. Vacqll. to be at some expence wth. ye. Govt. to prevent and wee suppose his circumstances [are such yt. he cannot outbribe us.]

The Charles and Betty sloop is not a Vessell wch. deserves so ill a character as you have heard but let her be what she will tis ye. Vessell whose Frame was Invoiced to us lb. 309 s. 16 d. 8 sterling and ye. Europe Carpenter belonging to ye. Anna built upon her accordg. to ye. Comps. orders and had a Gratuity appointed we have followed or. masters orders in sending her to Madrass and you have followed yor. Inclinations in returning her to Bengall so there's no farther harm done yn. surprizing you with a few bales.

Mr. Adams arrived ye. 13th. Instt. late we Demandd his Bill of Ladeing to be satisfied yt. he had Deliverd ye. Companys goods on shore having reced no advices from Mr. Holcombe he assures us yt. all was Delivered and he waited Three or Four hours after ye. Boat put on shoare for his Bill of Lading and letters wch. not comeing off and ye. weather in ye. evening proving bad and by appearence worse Threatned, ye. road being bad ys. season of ye. year he came away without Letter or Takeing up his Bill of Ladeing.

Wee send Mr. Frewen your Pacquett by this conveyhance and are

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Yor. most humble servants

John Beard.
Natthl. Halsey.
Jonathn. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

Fort William in Bengall
ye. 17 Aprill 1703.

P.S. Wee are now advised that five hundred maunds of Salt Petre is arriv'd Hughly ye. owner offers ye. same at six Rupees ℔ Buzzarr maund and to Take round pepper at Ten Rupees one Anna Factory Md. Wch. wee design to buy Nottwithstanding are so bare in Cash.

John Beard.
Nathl.: Halsey.
Jonathn. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

Aprill ye: 19th. 1703.

N°. 51

To the Hono^ble^. Thom^s^. Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour of Fort
S^t^. George &c^a^. Councill

Hono^ble^. Sir &c^a^.

Reced 18th. June 1703 ℘ Pattamarr. Since dispatching the Cossid for Ballasoar, have reced S^r^. Edward Littleton and Councills answer to our Letter by which youle' find all That call Themselves Consulls in India are of a Stamp wee send y^s^. Peon beleiving he may overtake y^e^. cossid in Ballasoar, wee are.

S^rs^.
Your humble serv^ts^.

John Beard.
Nathl. Halsey.
Jonath^n^. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

Fort William in Bengall
y^e^. 20th. Aprill 1703.

N°. 52

To the Hono^ble^. Thom^s^. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^t^. for affairs of y^e^. R^t^.
Hono^ble^. English East India Comp^a^.
& Govr. of Fort S^t^. George &c^a^. Coucill.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Reced 18 June 1703 ℘ Pattamarr. This serves to accompany a Bengall Pacquett wee received last night with y^r^. hon^r^. &c^a^. Pacq^t^. ℘ sloop Charles and Betty wch. they advised arrived wth. y^m^. y^e^. 13th. Aprill being put by y^s^. place by bad weath^r^. and a strong Currant they opened our Pacquett for y^e^. Bill of Ladeing and have received w^t^. belongs to y^e^. R^t^. H. Company which theyle send to us by y^e^. first vessel bound to y^s^. place.

They advise Woolston is landed at Ballasoare and y^t^. they have sent orders and hope to secure him so y^t^. he may be sent to y^r^. honour &c^a^. by y^e^. August shipping Wee are

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Your hon^rs^. most Obed^t^. humble servants

Stephen Frewen.
Thom^s^. Faucett.
J. Harrison.
Rich^d^. Harrison.

Metchlepatam
8th. June 1703.

N°. 53

To the Hono^{ble}. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t}. for affairs of y^{e}. R^{t}.
Hono^{ble}. English East India Comp^{a}.
& Govr. of Fort S^{t}. George &c^{a}. Councill.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our last was y^{e}. 8th. Instant with a Bengall Pacquett, herewith we send your honour &c^{a}. our Gen^{ll}. Bookes Ballanced letter D but could not adjust acco^{tts}. in these Bookes because wee did not receive your Journall parcells till our Bookes were Ballanced but shall do it in our next. Reced 22d. June 1703.

Inclosed is M^{r}. Faucetts remarks upon y^{e}. Journall Parcells wee received By wch. y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. may perceive there's severall mistakes wch. must be rectified in y^{r}. Bookes to make y^{m}. agree wth. o^{rs}. Wee are.

Hono^{ble}. Sir &c^{a}.
Your hon^{rs}. most Obedient humble servants

Metchlepatam
11th. June 1703.

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas [Faucett.]
J. Harris[on].
Richard Harrison.

N°. 54

To the Hono^{ble}. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t}. for affairs of y^{e}. R^{t}.
Hono^{ble}. English E^{t}. India Comp^{a}. &
Govr. of Fort S^{t}. Geo : &c^{t}. Counci^{ll}.

Vizagapat^{m}.
11th. June 1703.

Hono^{ble} . &c^{a}.

On y^{e}. 6th. current wee were honour'd wth. yours of y^{e}. 13th. ultimo wth. y^{e}. accompanying Paragraphs from y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. and y^{e}. 24 manag^{rs}. wch. wee shall observe according to y^{r}. Directions but as to ballanceing our Bookes wch. are now ready to be finished wee desire you speedily to advise us whether they are to be continued to y^{e}. 22^{d}. July because wee do not well apprehend w^{t}. relates thereto and as soon as wee receive y^{r}. orders they shall be finished according to y^{r}. directions Transmitted. Reced 30 June 1703 ꝑ Pattamarr.

The bookes y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. ordered to be Transcribed are now finished and only want Examination and binding and shall be remitted by next conveyance.

Our warehousekeeper now sends a List of w^{t}. goods come in on our last Investment besides wch. by o^{r}. Merchants advices there's 200 Co : of Sallempore ready at Byramporum in y^{e}. Aske country wch. we formerly advised must wait y^{e}. monsoon to come ꝑ sea and for wch. wee have Two light rowing Boats gone wch. will embrace y^{e}. first opportunity w^{t}. remains to compleat y^{e}. contract lies in arrears near us will come in within few dayes time elapses apace of y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. designs us any thing more considerable for y^{e}. Septr. shipping wch. wee referr to your more discreet Judgments.

When There was repeated troubles in y^{e}. country (wch. wee could not prevent) we advised y^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. thereof frequently as twas our Duty but since Rustand^{ll}. having y^{e}. Government wch. is now upward of 15 mo^{s}. wee have always advis'd

y^{r}. hon^{r}. & c^{a}. of y^{e}. country being in peace & well settled as itt now cont[inues] and as to Rustandill coming to Chiccacull its dubiously and various reported but generally beleived he will not proceed further to y^{e}. Northward y^{n}. he now is having their Hattes and Goorasaburdars with him who daily give him great troubles and remand him to y^{e}. King.

Wee observe y^{e}. arrivall of y^{e}. Howland Frigott with you and y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. advices relating to The union of y^{e}. Two Companies and affairs at Metchlepatam all which wee gladly reced hopeing our masters will now receive more Encouragem^{t}. to carry on their Trade y^{n}. formerly and which is at present offers from.

Hono^{BLE}. &c^{A}.
Your most humble serv^{ts}.

Simon Holcombe.
Thom^{s}. Stables.
Robert Cranwell.

The Queen Ann Ketch coming into o^{r}. road yesterday from y^{e}. West Coast having miss'd Madrass by spring^{g}. their mast y^{e}. M^{r}. y^{s}. day del^{d}. us a large box and sever^{ll}. Pacquetts directed to y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. wee here forthwth. forward to Mess^{r}. Frewen &c^{a}. at Metchlepatam adviseing y^{m}. to give it y^{e}. same expeditious dispatch to y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}.

Idem

S. Holcombe.
T. Stables.
R. Cranwell.

No. 55

To the Hon^{BLE}. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. for affairs of y^{E}. R^{T}.
Hon^{BLE}. English East India Company
and Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{A}.
Councill.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Reced 30th June 1703 ℔ Pattamarr

This comes to forward a Large Europe Pacquett wch. wee y^{s}. day reced from Vizagapatam and arrived there from y^{e}. West Coast by the Queen Ann Ketch wch. is all They advise us in Their Generall. Wee are

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.
Your hon^{rs}. most Obed^{t}. humble servants,

Metchlepatam,
19TH. June 1703.

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.
J. Harrison.
Richard Harrison

N°. 56

To the Hono^{BLE}. Thom^{S}. Pitt Esq^{R}.
Presid^{T}. and Governour of Fort S^{T}.
George & c^{A}. Councill.

May it Please yo^{R}. hon^{R}. &c^{A}.

1. Wee sent y^{s}. by y^{e}. Sarum expecting she w^{d}. find y^{e}. Union at Bantall who sailed hence y^{e}. 11th. Instant by whom wrote your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. y^{e}. 6th., send also copy of our Former ꝑ Sloop Sumatra. Rec^{ed} 30th June 1703 ꝑ Pattamarr.

2. Wee have now to advise your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. y^{t}. ships Hampshire and Union having cleared o^{r}. Pepper Godown here as presumed y^{e}. Union will do to y^{e}. Northward ere her Departure thence which consideration induced us to send y^{e}. Sarum to Nayos for slaves so much wanted here and at y^{e}. Northward having likewise y^{e}. Sarums cargoe of peice goods undisposed of nor likely to go off when our little markett is so glutted with more vendible goods our hopes are y^{t}. a great Quantity (if not all of Them) may rub off y^{s}. voyage coppy of our Instructions to Capt^{t}. Collier is Inclosed for your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. further Information considering how long y^{e}. ship might have laid her for a Loading of Pepp^{r}. wee thought could do no better for y^{e}. Interest of our R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Employers beleiving y^{s}. voyage will not retard her Dispatch for y^{e}. coast.

3. Wee have presumed to entertain in y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{s}. service John Harris as a Writ^{r}. for Three years and therein hope y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. approbation, as also of o^{r}. having Taken into y^{e}. Councill here M^{r}. Robert Coast to fill up o^{r}. vacancies.

4. Our late Publick Bitchars proclaiming her Majestie together with our having so much shipping of late has created an extroardinary expence of Gunn Powder of which intreat a supply ꝑ first also of y^{e}. severalls as ꝑ List formerly sent.

5. On y^{e}. 22^{d}. Instant Imported here ship Gloucest^{r}. from England Sailing from Plimouth y^{e}. 1st. Octob^{r}. 1702 she bringing us y^{e}. confirmation of y^{e}. Two Companys being united as y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will have a particular account from y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp: in their Pacquett accompanying y^{s}. There are likewise Three others wch. are ordered to forward The Gloucester Touching at y^{e}. Cape mett y^{e}. Loyall Cooke safely arrived There They had no news of y^{e}. Bedfords being arrived at y^{e}. Mauritius but a sad report of a large Topmast and y^{e}. ste[rn of a] Barge with y^{e}. Duke of Bedfords coat of [arms] upon it found off y^{e}. Mauritius Wee heartily wish she may be safe.

6. Wee hope in 3 or 4 mo^{s}. may be able to Dispatch y^{e}. Gloucester to y^{r}. hon^{r}. with a Loading of Pepper y^{e}. Time of Gathering y^{e}. crop being now approaching.

7. By ship Gloucester came M^{r}. Matthew Ridley by y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Company appointed of Councill next to M^{r}. Broughton; Wee had but a very small recruit of souldiers ꝑ y^{s}. ship severall of them being Taken off their armes and otherwise employed therefore hope y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will not be unmindfull of sending a supply ꝑ first.

8. Coppy Invoice ꝑ ship Gloucester is Inclos'd also of y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{a}. and manag^{rs}. Letter ꝑ said ship and wee shall Take all necessary care y^{t}. Their respective orders and Injunctions be duely complyed with and a full acco^{tt}. remitted ꝑ First Opportunity.

9. Wee have presumed to draw y^{e}. Following Bills of Exchange on your honour &c^{a}. humbly craves. Their acceptance Viz^{t}.

	\$^{rs}.	Su.	sa.
Received of Richard Watts Esqr. and M^{r}. George Shaw pay^{ble}. to Messrs. Meverell and Hunt	376	2	—
Of M^{r}. Matthew Ridley Pay^{ble}. to M^{r}. Thomas Wright	255	—	—
\$^{rs}. ...	631	2	—

10. Wee have not at Present to add but to subscribe ourselves.

May it Please yr. honr. &ca.
Your most humble. Servts.

York Fort
30th. March 1703.

Richard Watts.
George Shaw.
Robert Broughton.
Matt: Ridley.
Robert Coast.

York Fort 30th. March 1703.

List of ye. Pacquett to Fort St. George.

N. 1. Generall Letter Dated ye. 30th. March 1703.
2. Copy of ye. Rt. Honble. Companys Genll. to Bencoolen dated 31st. July 1702 ℔ ship Gloucester.
3. Copy of ye. List of ye. Pacquett ℔ Ditto Ship.
4. Copy of ye. Mannagers Letter to York Fort dated ye. 31st. July 1702.
5. Copy of Capt. John Colliers Instructions Dated ye. 30th. March 1703.
6. Copy of ye. Deputty Governours Letter to ye. Oran Priaman Dated ye. 30th. March 1703.
7. Coppy Invoice ℔ ship Gloucester.
8. List of ye. Pacquett.

N. 14 & 15. The Companys Pacquett to ye. Presid. & Govr. &ca. Councill at Fort St. George.
16. The Mannagers Pacquett to ye. President and Councill at Bengall.
17. The New Comps. Pacquett to John Pitt Esqr. President &ca. Councill at Metchlepatam.
18. Do. Companys Pacquett to Sr. Edward Littleton Knt. President and Councill at Bengall.

No. 57

To the Honoble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
President and Governr. of Fort
St. George &ca. Councill.

Honoble. Sir &ca.

Recd ye. 30th June ℔Pattamarre

Our last was of ye. 5th. Instt. by ship Union coppy of which comes enclosed yt. wee have little to add at present by ys. conveyhance of ye. Ketch Queen Anne she arrived here ye. 10th. Instt. in conformity to orders of ye. Supra Cargoes of Ship Union her owners of ship Sarum arriv'd ye. same day ye. Deptty. Govr. and Council ordering her to touch here in her voyage to Nayos & to deliver such goods as wee should think propper for or. marketts, besides wt. goods of ye. Rt. Honoble. Comps. wee find not vendible here and propper for sale to ye. Northward to Load Them on board her.

The Deptty. Govr. and Councill of York Fort in their Genll. ℔ ship Sarum giving us an acct. of ship Glocester being arrived there ye. 22d. past of wch. we presume they have advised yr. honr. &ca. at Large and to wch. wee humbly crave referance and wee are ordered in ye. same Genll. to demand a Barrle Gunpowdr. of Capt. Goodsole for Anchorage there which if he failed in to represent it to yr. honr. to be received at Madrass ye. order came after ship Unions Departure and ye. Barrle of Gun powder not delivered by Capt. Goodsole.

Inclosed comes ye. Cheifs Letter to yr. honr. &ca. wth. coppy of severall Letters by way of allegation delivered him relating to ye. Differences and Animosityes between Mr. Natthll. Eyton late Chief and his yn. Counsll. Messrs. Thoms. Kingsley and Robert Scott.

Wee now draw Bills of Exchange on yr. honr. &ca. for $rs. 68. Received here of Ensigne John Martin payable to Mr. Wm. Proby or his Assigns Dated ys. Day.

Inclosed goes Copie of Two Letters of Messrs. Kingsley and Scotts delivered ye. Chief ys. day ye. contents of wch. is only a submissive confession of their former miscarriages and behaviour towards their late Cheif and his wife with a promise never to be guilty of ye. like again we humbly begg yor. honr. &ca. yt. wee may be suiters in Their behalfe wth. hopes of finding a future good Deportment from them.

Since writing ye. above Mr. Edmund Harris paying into ye. Rt. Honoble. Comps. cash $rs. 200 and desiring Bills of Exchange on yr. honr. &ca. to yt. amount payable to Mr. Robert Atkinson or order tis granted Dated ys. day we remain with all Submission.

BANTALL 15TH. APRILL 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Yr. Obedt. and most hum Servts.

EDMUND BUGDEN.
NATTHLL. EYTON.

BANTALL APRILL 15TH. 1703.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N. 1. Bantall Generall Letter to Fort St. George Datd. ye. 15th. Instant.
2. Coppy of Bantall Generall ⅌ Ship Union datd. ye. 5th. Instant.
3. Mr. Thomas Kingsley Letter to ye. Chief Datd. ye. 22d. ultimo.
4. Coppy of Mr. Robert Scotts Letter to ye. Cheif Dated ye. 13th. Instant.
5. Coppy of Mr. Natthll. Eytons Letter to ye. Cheif Dated yr. 13th. Instant.
6. Coppy of Mr. Standlys Letter by way of Allegation to ye. Cheif relating to ye. Differences between Mr. Natthll. Eyton late Cheif and his yn. Councll. Messrs. Kingsley & Scott Da[ted...] April.
7. Coppy of Captn. Jno. Colliers Letter [by way] of Allegation to ye. Cheif relating to Mr. Thom[as] Kingsley Dated 14 April 1703.
8. Coppy of Mr. Charles Frith Letter by way of Allegation to ye. Cheif to ye. Differences between Mr. Nathll. Eyton late Cheif and his yn. Councll. Messrs. Kingsley & Scott Datd. 14th. Aprill 1703.
9. Coppy of Mr. Thoms. Crump Letter by way of Allegation to ye. Cheif relating to Ditto.
10. Copy of Mr. Antho: Atkinsons Letter by way of allegation to ye. Cheife relating to ye. Difference between Mr. Natthll. Eyton late Chief and his yn. Councill Messrs. Kingsley and Scott Dated ye. 14th. April 1703.
11. Coppy of Mr. Thoms. Kingsleys Submission Letter to ye. Cheif Dated ye. 15th. Aprill.
12. Coppy of Mr. Scotts submission Letter to ye. Cheif Dated ye. 15th. Instant.
13. Mr. Edmund Bugdens Chief his Letter to ye. Honoble. Presidt. and Govr. of Fort St. George.

List of ye. Pacquett.

No. 48 [*sic*]

To the Honoble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Councill
in Fort St. George.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.

Reced 30th June 1703 ꝑ Pattamarrs.

As I was particularly enjoyned by ye. Govr. and Councill of York Fort not only to give them but your honr., &ca. an Impartiall accott. of the differences and Annimossities between Mr. Natthl. Eyton late Cheif and his yn. Councill Messrs. Thoms. Kingsley and Robert Scott I imagined no better way to prevent noise and broiles in Consultation yn. for every man to give in writeing wt. he had to say directing it to me and accordg. I send ym. enclosed, and Desire your honr. &ca. wd. be referred too, and yt. I might not be Thot. partill. more of one Party yn. ye. other I gave each the free Perusall of all Alligations past, and ye. same liberty to reply in Their Defence as they might seem fitting wch. as it has been done I can only add to ye. Best of my Judgement my opinion in ye. matter in some Particulars being as follows Vizt.

That I cannot beleive Mr. Eyton would have been so backward in his accts. as Messrs. Kingsley and Scott in their papers affirms him to be (but of yt. wn. leasure ꝑ mitt I shall soon inspect into & rectifie) if he had not been Afflictd wth. a long Indisposition of body and they in a civill manner offerd him their assistance but its so much to ye. contrary yt. Capt. Collier and Mr. Standlys takes notice of ye. formers Dylatoryness when ye. Sarum Touched here from Bengall and Mr. Eyton then lay sick upon his Bed and yt. Mr. Eyton ever abused ym. not one in their Alligations taxes him with but quite ye. contrary rather to a fondness and yt. his wife was ye. same to them altho' they both had so often times Threatned and abused her and yt. she should at any time intermeddle herself with ye. Comps. affaires or her husbands directly or indirectly none in ye. Papers affirm nor did ever perceive she was enclined yt. way or heard it spoken from any one to themselves.

I have nothing to say in Vindication of Messrs. Kingsley and Scott as to their late abrupt proceedings since ye. severall in [their] Alligations lays them sufficiently open [......] Letters delivered in ys. day and now goes enclosed doe plainly show they have a true sence of wt. is past and for which they are very penitent and promises amendment for ye. future will I hope in a great measure mitigate their former miscarriage to their late cheif of wch. their whole relyance is on your honour &ca. Clemency I have nothing more to intimate to yr. honr. &ca. in ys. affaire I Therefore wth. Submission subscribe.

Honoble. Sir &ca.
Your Obedt. and most humble servant
Edmund Bugden.

Bantall 15th. Aprill 1703.

No. 59

To the Honoble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St.
George for affaires of ye. Rt. Honble.
Compa. of Merchts. of London Tradeing
to the East Indies &ca. Councll.

Honourable &ca.

Reced ye. 24. July 1703 ꝑ Ship Monsoon.

Your Favours of ye. 29th. November last with a copy of a Paragraph of your Generall Letter to Bengll. ꝑ ship Phœnix we reced ye. 13th. Instt. to wch. can give but very little answr. at Prest. till have better advices from Gombroon indeed ye. greatest part if not all ye. Lre they are to reply to as wee do hereby direct ym. to do

Wee do not a little wonder at M^{r}. Bruce detaining so much of Capt. Lambarts money of any acco^{tt}. betwixt y^{m}. wee were wholly ignorant till y^{s}. Letter and acco^{tt}. appeared, wee enclose to you copy of a clause in y^{e}. Gombroon Gen^{ll}. y^{t}. accompanied these papers whereby youle' observe y^{t}. M^{r}. Bruce does partly owne y^{e}. Debt but seems resolved not to give any account till had ord^{rs}. from England and y^{e}. slender reasons, if so w^{t}. he writes may be calld for such a Resolution and keeping y^{e}. money itt has been always y^{e}. custome to send a Deceased Cap^{ts}. mony by y^{e}. same ship as has been Practised by us on y^{e}. like occasion neither could wee ever assume to our selves y^{e}. power of doing otherwise nor will they y^{t}. mean honsetly do so besides if M^{r}. Bruce had really such a scruple as he pretends why did he remitt about Thirty Five Thousand Shahees if part might be sent y^{e}. same reason holds for y^{e}. whole besides why did he conceal y^{s}. mony never acquainting you or us thereof in his Defence there are some things y^{t}. run counter to w^{t}. wrote by y^{r}. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. which are obvious at first view wee do write him here abouts and shall endeavour [to] cause him to obey y^{r}. directions for wee think he [has] already run himselfe into many inconveniencies and by refuseing will into more.

The stores &c^{a}. ordered wee suppose are sent being all procurable to Gombroon except y^{e}. Apricock Plumbs cherries &c^{a}. which welé Try what may be done here but y^{e}. season is now comeing on wch. will occasion y^{m}. to lye long with us under ground and shall be down against y^{e}. next years shipping and if you want horses wee ought to have Timely notice by way of Suratt or elce upon a ships arriv^{ll}. at Port its next to impossible to procure them w^{n}. hear from thence what is sent wele' Take care to supply what short against y^{e}. next year to be ready for y^{e}. shipping.

Your Bill if appears shall be paid and redrawne as Directed.

M^{r}. Bowyear is gone to Suratt when [......] must write to receive y^{e}. money but [......] now come to hand there's no summ [......] coppy of Receipt inclosed.

About M^{r}. Harbins buiseness wee can[never] send you y^{e}. True account but have order[ed. y^{e}.] Gentlemen att Gombroon to search th^{r}. Regis[ter] and send whole account to you and Coppy thereof to us, when shall further advise but if wee mistake not y^{e}. Generall and Councill did write neither to you or Bengall Presidency about y^{e}. matter.

On y^{e}. 14th. Currant wee reced Letters from Aleppo bringing y^{e}. most wellcome news of y^{e}. Taking and destroying y^{e}. whole Spanish Flota with Eighteen French men of warr at Vigo in Gallicia y^{e}. particulars youle' read in y^{e}. enclosed paper and y^{e}. most materiall passages of y^{e}. last Campagne by coppy of a Letter from Aleppo to y^{e}. Agent y^{t}. accompanies y^{s}. Godsend a continuation of y^{e}. like success y^{t}. France may be reduced to it's Just owner wee have not for this long time had a word from y^{e}. R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company Wee are

SPAUHAUNE
APRILL Y^{E}. 23^{D}. 1703.

HONORABLE &C^{A}.
Your most humble serv^{ts}.
EDWARD OWEN.
WILLIAM LEE.
RICHARD COX.

N°. 60

TO THE HONO^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{T}.
HONO^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}.
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
[&C^{A}.] COUNCILL.

S^{RS}.

Inclosed comes coppy of our last of the 17th. Ultimo since which have rec^{d}. advices from Ballasoar that Woolston keeps close in the new Companys Factory Reced 10th July 1703 ℔ Pattamarr.

there and stirring not abroad shall find it difficult to seize him wee are working with the Phousdar of that place but fear in vain the said Woolston designing to Fort England (as Sr. Edward terms his house in Hughly) on one of the new Companys vessells where he hopes to have a larger liberty under the Consulls protection however he may escape at present when ye. united Compas. shipping come out doubt not but there will be orders for all deserters to repair to their masters Representatives to accott. with them as the Rt. Honoble. Company advise that the second article of their agreement intimates as much.

You will find by Sr. Edward Littletons &ca. long letter full of stuff and reflections on ye. St. Georgians what a Government their masters are like to have in India if they will submitt to their President and Councills rules and opinions therein for from what they argue it may be as Lawfull for the residents of the new Companys subordinations in Cassimbuzr. and Rajamaull to go for Agra and Dilleh and offer to clear accounts with their masters there as for Mr. Woolston to sayle from Metchlepatam to Bengall and offer to clear accounts with our masters here and wee beleive the new Companys Directors will give them little thanks for their Long[......] if they do not expect therefrom that [......] endeavour to escape accounting wi[th ye. United] Compas. as some of ym. have already done fr[om] the old.

The Europe Inhabitants of this place who pay ground Rent to the Rt. Honoble. Compa. desire Leases for their Compounds and we having ordrs. from our masters in these cases to advise wth. you desire you will please to send us coppy of the Lease given by the Rt. Honoble. Compa. to the Inhabitants of Fort St. George and to advise how often they are renewed and if all alike.

Wee have ordered a Companys servant for Hughly to weigh off the five Hundred maunds of Salt Petre bought there and are advised yt. there is a thousand Maunds more on ye. way of last years wch. will be in Hughly wn. the waters rise high enough to bring the boats over the sands near Calcapoor and wee have ordered the Broaker to buy it in case ye. Mercht. is willing to take Lead and Broadcloth ord'nary in payment for wee have nothing elce to purchase ye. same the shroffs in Hughly being out of Cash or unwilling to Lend us more then they have already done if it be objected as last year that ye. Comps. wealthy servants may assist them wee reply now as wee might have done then yt. had those which are termed so money by them at this season of the year our masters would not want it upon urgent occasions as the President supplied ym. last year with Fifteen Thousand Rupees, and at the same time paid Interest for near yt. summ to others but the Rt. Honoble. Compa. do not approve of borrowing money from their servants (always rejecting it) insomuch that those who have made a practice thereof altho' a peice of service to the Company last Warr times yet thought convenient to prevt. their names being mentioned in the Bills of Debt for the Company are for Lowering their Interest which their wealthy servants wd. not heartly Effect when they live by the same but as wee are advised have at Dhacca and other subordinations formerly risen it to one Rupee four annas in ye. hundred Rups. whereas wee brought it to 12 ans. in ye. hundred rups. before the arrivall of ye. new Companys people and might have kept. it so had not the Company wanted such great quantity of goods and mett wth. competitors if either our masters shipping from England or our own effects from abroad arrives in time and Salt Petre then procurable you shall not want what can be bought for the Chambers Friggott being very desirous to give you satisfaction in everything required from us.

Our Omitting to give your honour &ca. the dimensions of the chappell is some hindrance to or. proceeding in the building since the seven hundred and eight black stones reced are not sufficient which makes us intreat a farther supply as soon as possible Twelve hundred to be exact Ten Inches square to size with those you have been pleased to send already will compleat the chappel and two hundred

for the great star[es] to be fourteen Inches for the tread (the [stones] to be smoothed on one side these peo[ple being] but bad stone cutters) wee are

Fort W^{m}. in Bengall
May the 6th. 1703.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most humble serv^{ts}.

John Beard.
Natth^{l}. Halsey.
Jonath^{n}. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
Jno. Russell.

N°. 61

To the Hono^{ble}. Thom^{s}. Pitt Esqr.
President for affaires of the R^{t}.
Hono^{ble}. Governour and Company
of Merchants of London tradeing to
the East Indies and Govern^{r}. of Fort
S^{t}. George &c^{a}. Councill at
Madrass.

Hono^{ble}. Sir &c^{a}.

Our last to you was the 20th. February copy of wch. is enclosed since wee have reced none from you but a short addition added to a copy of yours of the 9th. 9^{ber}. with a postrcript [*sic*] from the Sec^{ry}. the former giving an account of the arrivall of the Wentworth and Jno. and Mary in Ballasoare road the latter mention^{g}. the encloseing of the copy of the Governour of Negapatams letter to the Hono^{ble}. President wch. wee have rec^{d}. and for wch. we give you Thanks. Reced 11th. July 1703 ₩ Pattamarr.

Wee have not mett with any new Trouble from this Government this year for that no advice of any fresh Piracies is arrived.

The Loyall Bliss and Natthaniel not meet^{g}. with Pepper enough at carwarr were obliged to Touch at Tellicherry to fill up from whence they sailed not till the first March their Cargoes amount to about five lack and twenty Thousand Rupees.

The new Comp^{s}. Ship Arabian Merchant not being sail fast put into Bombay and tooke in stones from whence she sailed the 24 Feb^{ry}. her Cargoe amounted to about eighty Thousand Rupees.

The Albermarle sailed from this Rivers mouth the 7th. instant her Cargoe amounts to Rupees one hundred and sixty five Thousand.

The Susanna arrived here from Persia 15 dayes since S^{r}. Nicholas is now going to lade her she will certainly have a very mean cargoe all the fresh Europe news wee reced by her is enclosed which wee shall be glad to hear confirmed.

Captain Matthews in the London arrived Gombroon the 10th. of March they write that the Monsoon y^{t}. came from Bengall before her [is not yet] arrived.

Neither old nor new Companys ships from England are yet arrived this coast nor y^{e}. Aurenzeb and Canterbury from China that wee hear of but two private ships from thence Viz^{t}. the S^{t}. Jno. Baptist and Blessing arrived the former on the first and latter on the 16th. Instant.

Capt. Leekey is going with his ship to China he narrowly escaped being run away with by the Pirates at Madagascar.

Capt. Say having spent his Monsoon at y^{e}. Rivers mouth and in Swalley hole is again come into the river to give his ship a second Repair where he must lye all the Rains if she had lain out much longer she would have sunk.

An account of M^{r}. Daniell Du Bois's Effects disposed of on Bombay is enclosed.

Wee have endeavoured what possible to get leave of this Government to send you some wheat on the ship by which this goeth but cannot except wele' pay the Governour a Rupee a bagg as the new Companys people have done for some they have laden on her which is an imposition we never mett with before and if wee once submitt to it wee must alwayes do it for the future for this reason and for that the wheat is much worse than it useth to be tho' almost treble ye. usuall price wee have not sent you any. Invoice and Bill of Lading for one Bale of salloes and two cases of Bottles of garden seeds is enclosed wee would have dryed the latter in the sun but that the gardners say twill Spoil its growth.

Wee are in hopes that some ship from Persia will yet fall in with us before the Rains and bring us fresh news from Europe if so and that it is materiall wee will send you copyes thereof by a pair of Cossetts & desire that when any of our Masters ships arrives you from England youle' do the like to us.

The King of Persia hath made a great and long flourish about drawing down a great number of souldiers to Congo to go against the Muscat Arabs in conjunction with the Portuguese but wee fear all will come to nothing at least.

The Sava[gees] have not been so good as their word [to make a sec]ond assault against this Citty but tis probable that their uninterrupted march forward and backward with the sweet of their plunder they have got from many Towns round about us, this year will invite ym. hither again after the Rains.

SURATT APRILL THE 28TH. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Your very loving Friends and humble servants

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
EDWARD [*sic*] BENDALL.
BERND. WYCH[E].

The foregoing is what wee thought to have sent you by the forementioned Armenian Ship but the Noquedah having exhausted his stock by lengthening of her and not meeting with Freight as wee presume he expected he was obliged to bring her into the River again where she will lye this Rains for which reason wee cannot send you the designed salloes and garden seeds but having sent the same quantity of the former to Calcutta that wee sent you last year we beleive the President and Councill there may spare you one half at least for that they wearing but one Flagg wee suppose they cannot spend the other halfe in a year.

The Susanna instead of Lading for England is come into the River.

The 9th. instant Capt. Leckie died whether his ship wll. proceed of her designed voyage is yet uncertain.

SURATT MAY THE 15TH. 1703.

IDEM AT SUPRA.

No. 62

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMS. PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT.
HONOBLE. COMPA. OF MERCHTS. OF LONDON
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES AND GOVERNOUR
OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL
AT MADRASS.

HONOBLE. SIR &CA.

Recd. 11th July ℘ Pattamarr.

This Serves to advise you that President Stephen Colt having paid the summe of Rupees four Thousand four Hundred 40 and two pice into the Rt. Honoble. Comps. Cash here for account of ye. hereafter mentioned, wee have drawn first second and Third Bills on you for two Thousd. four hundred and forty Rupees and

two pice payble. out of said Companys cash with you ten dayes after sight unto the Honoble. Thomas Pitt &ca. owners of ship Freindship and for two Thousd. Rupees payable at the same term of Ten dayes unto the Worshipfull Francis Ellis &ca. ownrs. of the late Loyall Captain.

SURATT MAY THE 18TH. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Your very loving Freinds and humble servants

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
EPHRAIM BENDALL.
BERNARD WYCHE.

No. 63

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMS. PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT. HONOBLE. GOVERNOUR AND COMPA. OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL AT MADRASS.

SURATT MAY THE 21ST. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Since closing our Pacquett yt. accompanies this wee reced advice of a ship belonging to this town arrived at the Rivers mouth from Gomroon which caused us to desire ye. Armenians that sends the Cossetts to stop them a day or two supposeing that wee had Letters by [that s]hip and this day wee Reced from her Noquedah [two] pacquts. one from Spahaune the other from Gomroone copyes of wt. Europe news wee Reced from each Factory in these Generall Letters is enclos'd news papers wee reced none, nor any Letters from our Mrs. nor private letters from England. Reced 11th. July 1703 ℘ Pattamarr.

The news from Italy contradicts each other that from Spahaune seems to be of an old date which wee Reced by former Letters that from Gomroon seems to be new wch. probably Mr. Bruce extracted from the Italian Gazetts mention'd to be sent him wch. were not forwarded to us.

The Monsoon imported Gomroone the 21st. March and ye. Colchester the 14th. of the past mo. Mr. Bruce &ca. write that they suppose yt. the latter may be [dispatched from thence according] to con[tract they also write that they have full] answered your letter sent them concerning Capt. Lamberts effects in Mr. Bruces hands and have sent us a copy of his will and wee presume they sent you a copy of the same they also add that they will send you by ship Colchester what they can procure of what you wrote for but that good horses are not procurable.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Yor. very loving Freinds and humble servts.

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
EPHRAIM BENDALL.
BERNARD WYCHE.

N°. 64

To the R^{T}. Hono^{BLE}. Thom^{S}. Pitt Esq^{R}.
President for affaires of the R^{T}.
Hono^{BLE}. Govern^{R}. and Comp^{A}. of
Merch^{TS}. of London tradeing to the
East Indies and Governo^{R}. of Fort
S^{T}. George &c^{A}. Councill
at Madrass.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Reced 11th July 1703 ℘ Pattamarr. Understanding that the Armenians have not dispatched the Pattamars to whose charge our late letters are comitted wee have y^{e}. opportunity to advise you that on the 19th. inst^{t}. the Regard arrived Bombay which ship was at [that time] in Company with the Howland and [two ships of the] new Companys, bound to this [Port the former mett with] Two French ships y^{t}. gave her chase on this side the Cape which wee presume were the two that were at Bengall this year she escaped by her sayling.

Coppy of the Mannagers of both Companys letter to us and the new Companys President & Councill which was sent the Capt. after the Generall pacquett was closed (wch. wee have not yet received) is enclosed and a copy of what news we reced from the Comander copyes of both we desire youle' forward to Fort S^{t}. Davids and to y^{e}. old & new Comp^{s}. Factorys at Metchlep^{m}. and Bengall.

By letters from the Martha at y^{e}. Mauritius wee are advised to our great concern that y^{e}. Bedford was lost at or near y^{t}. place sever^{ll}. peices of a ship being driven on shoar there which all think must be part of [her] broaken body as likewise severall peices of [car]ved work on one of which was Capt. Hudsons Coat of Arms tis probable all in the ship perished with her there being no news of any one person saved.

Suratt May the 26TH. 1703.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.
Yo^{r}. very lov^{g}. Freinds and humble serv^{ts}.

John Gayer.
Stephen Colt.
Edward [*sic*] Bendall.
B. Wyche.

List of the Pacquett to Fort S^{T}. George y^{E}. 8TH. May 1703.

No. 1. Suratt Generall to Madrass dated y^{e}. 28th. Apr^{ll}. & 15th. May.
2. Copy of Suratt Generall to d^{o}. dated y^{e}. 20th. Febr^{y}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.
3. Two Accounts sale and an acc^{t}. Curr^{t}. belonging to the dec^{d}. Daniell Du Bois y^{e}. 18th. and 28th. Jan^{ry}. 170$\frac{2}{3}$.
4. Invoice of salloe and garden seeds y^{e}. 28th. Apr^{ll}. 1703.
5. Copy of M^{r}. W^{m}. Powells and Thos. Edmonds declaration dated the 3^{d}. February 170$\frac{2}{3}$.
6. Copy of two clauses of Spahaune Generall Letter to Suratt the 2^{d}. Febr^{y}. and 12th. March 170$\frac{2}{3}$.
7. Copy of the R^{t}. H: Comp^{s}. Lre to Surat y^{e}. 14th. May 1703.
8. A Pacquett supposed to come from Messrs. Wheeler and Cockroft.
9. List of the Pacquett.
10. A Letter from the Gen^{ll}. &c^{a}. Councl^{l}. to the Presid^{t}. &c^{a}. Councill of Fort S^{t}. George.

No. 65

To Thoms. Pitt Esqr. President
&ca. Councill for affaires of
the Honble. Compy. of Merchants of
Londn. Tradg. to ye. East Indies.

Srs.

This serves to accompany ye. enclosed copy of another Copy of a Letter fro ye. Honoble. managers of ye. United Compa. Dated at Londn. ye. 27th. Septr. 1702 Reced ℔ Pattamar yesterday [evening] from Sr. Nicho. Waite &ca. Councill at Suratt. The Originall as they write me came ℔ the Regard which sailed out of the Down[s] pmo. Octobr. and arrived at Bombay the 19th. May last ye. first copy was sent to Sr. John Gayer who sent anothr. copy to Sr. Nicholas Waite. Reced ye. 13th. July ℔ Pattamar

Neither of the two ships belonging to our Honoble. Directors are yet arrived at Suratt altho Captn. Thoms. Warner Commandr. of ye. ship Regard mett ye. Katherine and Mary last Janry. in Latt. 29 So.

For news I Referr you to ye. enclosed paper Reced likewise from Surath ℔ ye. same Pattamarrs which came from thence the 26th. May but met wth. Robbers on ye. way who stopt ym. 8 days.

I wish you success in all your Affairs [and] am

Metchlepatam,
July the 4th. 1703.

Srs.
Yor. most humble servant
Wm. Tillard.

No. 66

To the Honoble. Thoms. Pitt Esqr.
President for affaires of the
Rt. Honoble. English East India
Compa. and Governr. of Fort St.
George &ca. Councill.

Metchlepm. 3d. July 1703.

Honoble. Sir &ca.

Yours of the 16th. past wee Reced the 23d. ℔ Ship Humphrey and Charles with that yor. honour &ca. sent us by said ship for prests. &ca. Reced 14th July 1703.

Wee should not have paid or. Merchts. the Ballance of their accott. if they had not brought in the full quantity of chay goods due on the former Contract and your Honr. &ca. is very sensible wee could not make our Merchants comply with the List upon which your honr. &ca. ordered us to pack up such sortes as wee had in our warehouse according to said List wch. wee complyed with and have now in our godowns the full amount of the 1500 Pags. in chay goods wch was the best termes wee could bring them too so that wee know of no proportion of chay goods due from our Merchants unless your Honr. &ca. expects they should bring in the quantity mentioned in the List wch. they never agreed to or sign'd any contract for.

The Cheif is paid for the Eight boats of firewood and will Take care to send away ye. Three Boates yt. are here as soon as ye. winds wll. permitt and also what quantity more can be procured.

Wee shall be as thrifty as possible of what your Honour &ca. has sent us for Presents.

Wee having not money in cash to defray the charges of the Factory have drawne a Bill on yr. Honr. &ca. for 190 Pags. payble. to the Presidt. &ca. freighters of ship Humphrey and Charles wch. hope will meet with yor. Honr. &ca. acceptance.

When your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. shall give us orders ab^{t}. an Investment wee shall observe your directions as to the sorts and abatements but at pres^{t}. our Merchants do not seem to be in the Least inclinable to make an Investment on those termes.

Wee have not sent y^{e}. Gov^{rs}. Letter to y^{e}. Phouzd^{r}. least he should make an advantage of it and give y^{e}. new Comp^{as}. people trouble [w^{ch}.] would not looke well in us as affairs are now order'd.

Wee have according to your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. orders sent our six soldiers to Vizagapatam ₱ ship Humphrey and Charles at present the Nabob Rustandill Caune is at Rajemundrum which is nearer this place then Vizagapatam and it's generally beleived here that he will not goe further haveing sent for all y^{e}. Kings Treasure from Chickecull which he has dispatched up to the Campe being 20 Laack of Rupees.

Wee have acquaint'd y^{e}. Portuguze what your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. has wrote who is more inclinable to Reposit his mony into the Comp^{s}. Cash y^{n}. our church and has brought us seaven hundred and fifty Pag^{s}. concerning wch. wee desire yor. hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Ord^{rs}. whether wee shall give him a Bond for't here in the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Comp^{s}. name conformable to the Paper wee sent your Honour &c^{a}. Wee are

Hono^{BLE}. Sir &c^{A}.
Your Hon^{rs}. most Obed^{t}. humble servants

M^{R}. Jerem^{A}. Harrison Suke.

Steph^{N}. Frewen.
Thom^{S}. Faucett.
Rich^{D}. Harrison.

N°. 67

To the Hono^{BLE}. Thomas Pitt Esq^{R}.
President for affaires of the R^{T}. Hono^{BLE}. East India Company on the Coast of Chormandell And Governour of Fort S^{T}. George and S^{T}. David &c^{A}. Councill.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Reced 14th. July 1703 ₱ Pattamarr. Yours of the 12th. Ultimo came to hand the 16th. and returne You our thanks for y^{r}. compliance to our Bills for Ten Thousand Pagodas.

Inclosed your honour &c^{a}. will receive an account of what money we have Reced from the Creditors of Somiah which if you please to approve wee shall receive into the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Companys Cash and Creditt yor. place for y^{e}. same those partners who have p^{d}. their mony in y^{e}. buiseness request y^{t}. Ismael Chittee and Latchmael Chittee may deliver them up their Bills they gave out for their proportions which they refuse to do till Somiah gives up their Fathers Bills which he now has in his possession and refuses to doe Therefore request your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will be pleased to make Somiah surrender those Bills that the severall partners may receive theirs for they have nothing to show for the payment of their mony.

Our last gave your Honour &c^{a}. a particula^{r}. account of our Transactions wth. Do[wd Ca]wn so that that clause in your letter requires no further answer than to Assure you wee were not wanting in keeping a continuall watch upon his motions and a good Number of Tappies upon the Road to bring us advices of all that past and long before his comeing into y^{e}. Bounds the Dep^{tty}. Govern^{r}. had intelligence thereof and all things were in as good a readiness for his reception as possible.

Serjeant Bang shall be permitted to returne to Madrass as soon as Serjeant Latteril arrives.

Pursuant to your honour &c^{as}. directions wee shall secure M^{r}. Bawgus till he has p^{d}. the Comp^{s}. debt but request to know if he be in y^{e}. Comp^{s}. service and whether wee must provide for him as usuall.

Inclosed wee received M^{r}. Fenwickes relation of the Pirates for which returne our Thanks.

Inclosed comes an account of what goods is in our Bounds belonging to your Merchants.

Wee had sooner made an answer to this Gener^{ll}. but waited to give your honour &c^{a}. an account in what manner with your approbation wee have disposed of the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Companys Bounds for the year ensuing which the want of rain and cheapness of paddy have rendred very difficult wee at first put them up to outcry but none offered more than four Thousand one hundred and fifty Checkrums which wee did not think convenient to accept and therefore twas referred to the Deputty Governour to discourse wth. the renters or any other to endeavour to procure more for them. He sent for the renters who formerly rented them last year and pressed their taking of them again at the same rates but they alledged that they had lost Eight hundred Checkrums by them and could not take them againe without that abatement upon which he sent for some of y^{e}. Principall Renters of Tevenepatam and after many tedious and troublesome meetings he perswaded them to rent the Bounds for this year upon the same termes they were lett for last But with one proviseat to Trimalraw that in case any loss should happen on his tenth part wee are obliged to deduct it out of his last quarterly payment in consideration of his poverty and being very Instrumentall in concludeing this Troublesome buiseness all wch. wee hope will meet y^{r}. Honour &c^{as}. approveall.

When the Hono^{ble}. y^{e}. President was here he was pleased with the rest of the Councill to direct that Farming the Bettle Tobacco and Ganjee should be taken off and a custome of it's full value taken for the same for one year and ordered in your Generall to be Continued for one yeare longer monthly accounts of which has been sent your honour &c^{a}. by which it will appeare what the said duty amounted to The times now neare expireing wee request your honour &c^{a}. will please to give us [directions] in what manner it shall be continued [for] y^{e}. future wee with submission are of opinion that if wee could frame out of y^{e}. same Custome as is now received by y^{e}. Company for more than the Company now make of itt. It would be their advantage because nottwithstanding all our Vigilance and the extraordinary charge of Peons the Companys is at to keep watch at y^{e}. severall Mettos for y^{e}. receipt of this duty some is stole into the Bounds and y^{e}. Company loose their custome This method would make it as easy to the Inhabitants as the Hono^{ble}. Presid^{t}. &c^{a}. were pleas'd formerly to direct, and advance the Companys Revenues here about which wee request you will please to give us your Direction.

Mollim one of our Cheif Merchants is repairing a large house he has at Porto Novo and its reported he sometimes intends to inhabit there and sometimes here he now stands a Considerable debtor to the Company for customes therefore desire youle' please to advise us whether wee may permitt him to go out of the Bounds before he has made satisfaction or what method wee may take to compell him thereto.

Wee have reced the Packing stuff according to Invoice Wee are

FORT St DAVID
JULY ye. 8th. 1703.

HONOble. Sr. &cA.,
Your most Humble. servts.

G. ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RA: INGRAM.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
RI: FARMER.
TR: GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

There still remains a considerable Ballance due to our Merchts. which they daily press us for Therefore request your Honr. &ca. will permitt Us to draw our Bills upon You for as much of it as You shall please to order.

Idem.

G.R.
J.H.
R.I.
E.M.
T.G.
J.B.

No. 68

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMS. PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE
RT. HONOBLE. EAST INDIA COMPA.
ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL
AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
AND ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Reced 24th. July 1703 ℔ Boat.

Our last to your Honour &ca. bore date the 8th. Instt. since which wee have received yours of the 9th. Ditto.

Abdull Lebbey has upon all occasions appear'd our very good friend and wee cannott yet discovr. he has had any Sinnester designs an[d] [...] his Intentions which wee think has been [sent] by his good service in the Wrack and his mediation to the Nabob for which he has not yet accepted the present your Honour &ca. permitted us to offer and the mistery thereof is (wee beleive) he thinks it not sufficient or else is fearfull of being again taxed with bribery wee shall be sure to give him no opportunity to do us any prejudice which he would be cautious of putting in Execution for when he reced orders to invest this place your Honr. &ca. are very sensible in what manner he did it.

Inclosed Your Honr. &ca. will receive a List of the Presents sents [*sic*] the Nabob Dawed Cawne Duan Abdull Lebbey and their officers wherein wee acted with all the prudence and good husbandry imaginable and are glad it has mett with so good success since our Neighbours the French and Dutch were forced to a much greater expence wch. we hope wll. meet wth. your honour &cas. approbation.

Wee have made no difference between Your merchants and ours in the charges of their packing stuff and shall comply with you honour &cas. directions in haveing all the goods they bring in here washed sorted and packd as wee do for our owne.

As soon as the President arrives wee shall receive the packing stuff &ca. yesterday wee saw a ship to ye. Northwd. wch. we conclude is her.

Wee shall be cautious of keeping any ships in our Road and if any arrives dispatch them from hence with all speed.

We have reced the charter of union between ye. two Comps. & conveyance of the dead stock.

Inclosed your honour &ca. will receive Copy of any enquiry made by Mr. Games into ye. demands of Mr. Cracow Resident here on behalfe of Dutch Merchant in Negapatam. to a peice of Ground in ye. Chittee street at Cuddalore at present ye. Comps. Beetle godown his pretensions to this ground was before ye. Morattas took this country and afterwards upon settleing their Government here One Mallar Puntulo lived upon it seaven or eight yeares and enlarged it very considerably for more particulars wee crave yor. honr. &ca. will please to be referred to the inclosed paper and send us your directions in what manner wee shall act therein, Our opinion is he has no right to this ground because his demands is before the Morattas conquerd this place from whom wee purchased it and if ye. Dutch once get footing here it will be difficult to rout ym. again besides it will be a very ill president, by the same Rule the Factory at Cuddalore and many other places there may be demandd Which being the needfull wee crave leave to subscribe.

FORT ST. DAVID
JULY YE. 20TH. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most humble. servts.

G. ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RA: INGRAM.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
RICHD. FARMER.
TR: GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

No. 69

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMS. PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT.
HONOBLE. GOVERNOUR AND COMPA.
OF MERCHTS. OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE
EAST INDIES &CA. COUNCILL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

Wee wrote you last under the 28th. Aprill and 15th. and 21st. of the past month by an Armenian conveyhance copies of wch. are enclosed. Recd 10th Augst. 1703 ℘ Pattamarrs.

This goeth by two of our own Cossids wth. a pacqt. from the Rt. Honoble. Company yt. wee recd by ship Regard that arrived Bombay the 19th. May but twas ye. 11th. instant ere wee recd the Rt. Honoble. Comps. Pacquett ye. ship arriving too late to come up to ys. rivers mouth wee were obliged to send for it up in peds overland since rect. hereof wee have waitd. sometimes in hopes of forwardg. yrs. by Armenian conveyance but yt. failing we dispatch ye. bearr. express. According to our masters orders wee inclosed send you a copy of the Honoble. Court of Managers Lre to us and President Waite and Councill Wee having news from the Rt. Honoble. Compa. concerning ye. [affrs.] of Europe copy of what wee recd from the Capt. comes inclosed. Wee have recd print'd copies of ye. charter of Union and Indenture of conveyance of ye. dead stocks wch. wee sent to Sr. Nicholas Waite and Councill after wee had read them who did not return ym. till ys. day and they beg. long wee cannott get them copied to send you by this conveyance but ye. copies of ye. Marginall notes of both is enclosed and ye. copies of ye. whole shall be forwarded to you by next conveyance yt. offers.

In obedience to ye. Honble. Court of Managers and our masters orders wee wrote Sr. Nicholas Waite and Councill that wee were ready to receive ym. into ye. Factory with all civility, freindship and respect yt. wee might mutually consult about takeing the Inventories of all settlements under their and our mannagement to which letter they wrote us an answer to excuse their coming for want of their directors letter by their expected ships.

Wee desire you will send an attested copy of y^e. copy of the court of mannag^rs. letter to us and S^r. Nicholas Waite and Councill to Presid^t. Pitts and Councill at Metchlepatam.

Wee hear nothing yet of y^e. arrivall of the Howland nor of the Catherine and Mary two of y^e. new Comp^s. ships bound to this Port nor of the Aurunzeb Canterbury nor prosperous [from] China but are in hopes they may be at Carwar y^e. Regards cargoe amounts to Twenty one Thousand five hundred ninety seaven pounds and seaventeen shillings she is Lett for 250 Tonns. The French ships y^t. Capt. Warner Comander of the Regard mett with wee hear is the least of their ships dispatched this year from your coast and her y^t. sailed from Goa about the 25th. January for France but this wants confirmation wch. wee have wrote to Capt. Warner for, but have not reced his answer.

SURATT JUNE Y^E. 19TH. 1703.

HONO^BLE. S^R. &C^A.
Y^r. very lov^g. freinds & hum^ble. serv^ts.

JOHN GAYER.
STEPHEN COLT.
E. BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO MADRASS DATED Y^E. 19TH. JUNE 1703.

N. 1. Suratt Generall letter to Madrass dated y^e. 19th. June 1703.
2. Copy of Ditto to D^o. dat^d. the 28th. Aprill and 15th. May 1703.
3. Ditto of Ditto 21st. May 1703.
4. Pacquet from the Company by ship Regard.
5. The court of Mannagers letter dated y^e. 24th. Sepr. 1702.
6. News reced from Capt. Warner y^e. 25th. May 1703.
7. Marginall notes of the Quing Partite or Indenture of convey^a. of dead stock &c^a. dated y^e. 22d. July 1702.
8. Heads of Indenture tripartite 22d. July 1702.
9. Clause taken out of Gomroone Gen^ll. Letter to Suratt dated 29th. Aprill 1703.
10. D^o. taken out of Spauhaune Gen^ll. to Suratt dated y^e. 16th. March 170$\frac{2}{3}$.
11. List of the Pacquett.

In a pacquett apart is a pacq^t. from S^r. Nich^s. Waite to the court of Directors for the Hono^ble. Eng^s. Comp^a. and one Ditto for the Hono^ble. John Pitt Esqr. at Metchlepatam with sundry private Letters and a List of the above Pacquett.

N°. 70

TO THE HONO^BLE. THOM^S. PITT ESQ^R.
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T. GEORGE
AND PRESIDENT OF MADRASS FOR
AFFAIRES OF THE R^T. HONO^BLE.
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A.
&C^A. COUNCILL.

HONO^BLE. S^R. &C^A.

By ship London under date of the 10th. of Ap^ll. wee gave answer to your Hon^r. &c^a. orders of y^e. 9th. of November last and at present give your hon^r &c^a. this further Trouble by ship Colchester to inclose y^e. Invoice and Bill of Lading for what put on board the ship on the R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^s. account for madrass and Bengall.

The Agent &c^a. from Spahaune have ordered us to look into the Registers here and examine the circumstances of the buiseness of attacking M^r. Harbins money

in President Beards hands & advise your honour &c^{a}. thereof accordingly wee have examined what wee can find about it and only find y^{t}. M^{r}. Harbin being then very deep in the R^{t}. Honble. Comp^{s}. debt and the Agent &c^{a}. knowing he had 5000 Shahees in President Beards hands desired it might be attackt there till such times as they saw whether he could clear his accounts or no M^{r}. Harbin now we suppose is at Madrass or Bengall if he [holds] a clearance from his superiours at Bombay and a discharge of his accounts with y^{e}. Comp^{a}. wee suppose there is nothing more to be said to him on that account.

Wee have sent your honour &c^{a}. all y^{e}. news papers we had by us with an abstract of what wee have rec̃ed most materiall in our Letters from Aleppo.

Wee have been much disapointed this yeare (in every [*sic*] wee expected to have sent by y^{s}. ship) by y^{e}. non arrivall of 700 chests wine 200 chests Rosewater and 10 horses and a large quantity of fruite most of which are on y^{e}. road from Shiraz but being afraid to detain y^{e}. ship to Long the season of y^{e}. year being late already wee now dispatch her without them as for Vinegar there has been none good to be had in Towne this Long time so have gott none.

Wee have sent your honour &c^{a}. some musk mellon and water mellon seeds and such others wee could gett here put up in bottles in a small box wee suppose the Agent &c^{a}. have sent some also from Spahaune.

Wee have had last May a great mortality here especially on board the Colchester out of wch. ship dyed Capt. Rouse M^{r}. Dendy his Purser & 11 or 12 more of y^{e}. stoutest men in the ship.

As for Capt. Morrice and any other Englishmen that may be yet living at Rustock wee can see no hopes of ever clearing them tho have used all y^{e}. meanes wee could think of for y^{t}. purpose wee wish any body in England would out of love to their country importune y^{e}. Parliament to take into consideration all this Barbarity and the gross ignomy wee lye under in all these parts by suffering ourselves to be thus used by so inconsiderable a parcell of Pirates this Ring [*sic*] has been pretending to make warr upon them these 7 or 8 yeares joyntly wth. the Portugueze but wee scarce beleive either of those two will ever attempt any thing considerable against them Capt. Matthews in the London was at Muskatt and will unoudbtedly [*sic*] ere now give your honour &c^{a}. his opinion in these matters.

Wee have Lent Capt. Reid here for y^{e}. ships charges being out of stock y^{e}. sume of 6000 Sah^{s}. and have inclosed his Bond for y^{e}. same referr^{g}. it to your honour &c^{a}. to account wth. him for y^{e}. same as shall be thought reasonable wee have not agreed on any particular for want of an example or Presid^{t}. which being what occurrs at present worth y^{r}. hon^{rs}. &c^{a}. notice wee most respectfully subscribe.

GOMROON JUNE 30TH. 1703.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your most humble and Obed^{t}. servants,

JAMES BRUCE.
JAMES RAWLINGS.
EDW^{D}. DENNIS.

P.S. Since closed the foregoing wee have rec̃ed [some horses] from Shizaz for the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. Company [being] six in number they are to our thinking as good a parcell of horses as could be had and all young and cheap too tho wee should not have stood for price if anything very Extroardinary could have been had for more money and if should light on any such thing shall have ready for next years shipping.

Idem

JAMES BRUCE.
JAMES RAWLINGS
EDWARD DENNIS

No. 71

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for affairs of the Rt.
Honoble. English East India Compa.
& Govr. of Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Vizagapatam
12th. July 1703.

Honoble. &ca.

Reced 18th August ℘ Pattamarr.

Ship Humphrey and Charles importing here the 3d. Instant brought us ye. honr. of yrs. of ye. 16th. ulto. and with wch. we reced the souldiers you were pleased to send us as also those ordered from Metchlepatam wth. ye. powdr. and Buff Coat wch we shall pass to accott. in conformity.

The Buff Coat wee beleive will be of no use to us here having had one formerly which wee were forced to returne not proveing acceptable so if yr. honr. &ca. please wee will send it to them at Metchlepatam.

Rustandill is not yet come but generally reported he will as soon as the Rains are over when wee shall treat with him on the best termes we can and not conceed to any thing may appear dishonourable or prove of ill consequence for the future and wee shall study Frugality therein as much as shall consist wth. reason & ye. exigence of our affairs and we hope and doubt not but to give yr. Honr. &ca. satisfaction in or. treaty & disputes wth. him & as to wt. relates to our Phirmaund & settlement in these parts wee have always givn. to those who have demanded ye. same ye. exact ansr. yr. honr. &ca. are now pleased to direct us upon which some of them have yn. allotted us two or three months time to bring it or it's copy wch. wee have consented to and by that means they have forgot it and so hitherto wee have evaded it and carryed on our buiseness and wee shall use one strategem or other to do ye. same with Rustandill if possible and which wee hope to effect wee observe what your honour &ca. writes of ye. Pyrates from whom God preserve all our english Shippg.

The Books your honour &ca. ordered to be transcribed are now finished and remitted herewth. as to what relates to our Investment we gave yr. honr. &ca. a full account in or. last & or. warehousekeepr. sends his accts. herewith of what come in since wch. wth. wt. provided in the Aska Country wch. waits ye. change of ye. Monsoon will compleat it.

Wee are sorry to see no shipping arri[vg.] wth. you of which hope your next wll. advise yt. we may be doing something lying now at great charge in order to defray which being out of cash on the 5th. Instant wee drew a bill on yr. honr. &ca. for Rs. 2500 payble. to his honour for the like value reced here of Messrs. Fleetwood and Whistler and Mr. Holcombe has paid into ye. Comps. Cash Pags. 500 and Rupees 888 & ans. 4 for which now have drawn another Bill on your honr. &ca. payable to Govr. Pitt likewise which wee desire you to give due honr. too and subscribe.

Honoble. &ca.
Your most humble. servts.

Simon Holcombe.
Thoms. Stables.
Robt. Cranwell.

N°. 72

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for affaires of the R^t.
Hono^ble. English East India Comp^a.
and Govern^r. of Fort S^t. George
&c^a. Councill.

Metchlepatam
5th. August 1703.

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.

Our last to your honour was dated 3^d. past month since which have reced yours of 5th.Ditto the 16th. with the good news of the great success of ours and the Dutch fleet mett with at Vigo. Reced the 18th Augt. 1703 ℘ Pattamarr.

Your Honour &c^a. Pacquett for Vizagapatam wee immediately dispatched to them by fresh Peons but by their letters this day Reced from them doe not acknowledge the rec^t. of it wch. is occasioned by the Pulligars having diserted the Nabob and got over Rajemundrum river and stops the passage upon which the Nabob is Returned to Nellore and is provideing himselfe with powder and shott to goe against them.

On the 27th. past ship Hallifax sailed for Bengall and on the 28th. ship Sylvian Captain Chamberlaine arrived here from Batavia who brings advise of the Trumball Gally Capt. Arnull a permission ship arriving there y^e. beginning of June having been five months on her passage from Europe and that there was y^n. a fitting out by the R^t. H. Company on the joynt acco^tt. for the Coast and Bay three ships Viz^t. Tavistocke Summers and Dutchess they do confirme the good news of our successe at Vigoe & have brought out some of y^e. money which was taken in the Galloons.

Inclosed is the warehousekeeper[s] account of what goods wanting in the Invoyce sent ℘ Ship Humphrey and Charles Wee are.

Hono^ble. S^r. &c^a.
Your Hon^rs. most Obed^t. humble servants,

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.
Jere. Harrison.
Richard Harrison.

N°. 73

To the Hono^ble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for affaires of the R^t.
Hono^ble. East India Company on
the coast of Chormandell and
Governour of Fort S^t. George &
S^t. David &c^a. Councill.

Hono^ble. Sir &c^a.

Yours of the 26th. Ultimo wee received the 5th. Instant.

Somiahs buiseness lyes yet unadjusted and except he can receive his whole debt is resolved not to give discharges to those who have paid their proportions so y^e. money wee have reced remaines in M^r. Sec^rys. hands and shall be applied as your honour &c^a. shall please to direct But wee request Somiah may be order'd to give his releases to those who have paid their shares when you direct the disposall thereof. Reced 23^d. Aug^st. 1703 ℘ Pattamarr

Mr. Bawgus arrived here on the President since which has been often sollicited to adjust his accounts which he promises to doe in few dayes after which pray advise if he must be returned to your place again or permitted to go where he pleases.

It will be no great difficulty to know whether Trimalraw looses upon his tenth part of renting the Companys Bounds because they let it out to others in small proportions and as soon as they have concluded for the whole wee shall get the best information wee can He was very serviceable in this buiseness which was the reason wee granted him this favour. The Renters are no tradeing people and consequently no wayes advance the Companys Revenues but enjoy ye. same protection as others who considerably encrease ye. Company Customes wch. were Arguments used to induce ym. to give so much for the Bounds by wch. wee beleive they will be loosers.

The first of this month concluded the yeare for the Tobacco Beetle and Ganjee the whole amount thereof (servants and Conicoplys wages deducted) Amounts to Pags. [*lacuna*] ye. monthly accts. of which to ye. end of July comes enclos'd Wee shall use our utmost endeavours to find out propper persons to farm ys. Revenue and if can procure more for it yn. ye. Yearly income shall accept thereof Which wee are in hopes of effecting because wee are very well assured that notwithstanding all our care a great deal is Clandestinely brought into the Bounds and the Company defrauded of the custome thereof wee shall take care if wee farm out this Revenue to make such necessary Orders as to prevent ye. farmers oppressg. the Inhabitants or collecting any more than what is now received for the Company.

The Arrack Farmers Licence expireing the first Instant wee have again disposed thereof to Manoel Gonsolvis and Rowland Willson for one Thousand four hundred Chuckrums ℔ Annum near six hundred Chuckrams more yn. let for last yeare which wee hope will meet your Honour &cas. approbation.

Wee shall embrace the first good opportunity to demand the Companys debt from Mollim and observe your honour &cas. direction to do it with that tenderness as is due to him which wee wish may prove effectuall but have great reason to doubt it.

The Merchants make great complaints for their money and are daily pressing us to give our Bills on your Honour &ca. for the Ballance of their account which wee hope your next will permitt us to doe and also for defraying the necessary Charges of the Garrison for we have not suffict. in Cash to pay ys. months Expence.

Mr. Cracon has reced the answer yr. honr. &c. were pleased to direct which wee beleive will silence his future pretentions to the House in Cuddalore.

Wee received Copy of a Paragraph of Your Honour &cas. Consultations of ye. 15th. July wch. is delivered to Mr. Haynes with orders to observe the same in stateing the Generall Bookes of this Garrison. Inclosed your Honr. &ca. will receive some Querys drawn out by Mr. Haynes, Your answer and directions thereto wee must awaite before he can proceed therein.

The foul Consultations in Mr. Frasers time accompanys this for his perusall to compare wth. the fair one which wee request you will please to deliver him and get the fair one's signed and returne them both to us again Wee remain.

Fort St. David
the 18th. August 1703

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your most humble. servants,

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ra : Ingram.
Edmd. Mountague.
Richd. Farmer.
Tr. Games.
John Berlu.

LIST OF THE PACKETT.

Fort St. David Generall Letter to Fort St. George Dated the 18th. August 1703.

No. 1. Three Foul Consultation Books No. 2. 3. 4.

2. Tobacco and Beetle Vizt.

For Cuddalore from ye. ꝑmo. Janry. $170\frac{2}{3}$.
to ye. Ulto. July 1703.

For Tevenepatm. from ye. ꝑmo. Janry. $170\frac{2}{3}$.
to ye. Ulto. June 1703.

3. Querys from Mr. John Haynes for Stateing the Generall Bookes of Fort St. David Garrison.

4. Account of the Revenues of Tobacco Beetle & Ganjee of Cuddalore & Tevenepm. for two yeares from the ꝑmo. August 1701 to the Ulto. July 1703.

5. A List of the Pacquet.

No. 74

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF YE.
HONBLE. GOVERNR. & COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF LONDON TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES &
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCILL
ATT MADRASS.

We wrote your Honour &ca. by two of our own Pattamars under the 19th. of the past month this goeth by two Cossets belonging to Sr. Nicholas Waite which arrived here yesterday from Metchlepatam, & are now dispatching there again. Said Sr. Nicholas Waite advised us yesterday yt. the Howland arrived your Port the 19th. May the same day that the Regard arrived Bombay & that Presidt. Pitts att Metchlepatam departed this life about ye. beginning of said month. Inclosed we send you copy of our forementioned letter wth. copy's of ye. Printed Coppy of the Charter of Union, & Indenture of conveyance of the dead Stocks, of which we sent you abstracts with our last, & we would have Sent you copy's of all we then Sent you, but that we expect you will have received all, and much more from ye. Rt. Honble. Company 'ere this can arrive you. Recd. ꝑ mo. Septemr. 1703 ꝑ Pattamars

The Orenzeeb arrived Carrwarr the 19th. May where she will remain this Raines, wch. is what we call to mind necessary to advise you off.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

SURATT JULY THE 7TH. 1703.

Your Honrs. very Loving
Friends & humble Servts.

JNO. GAYER
STEPHEN COLT.
E. BENDALL.
B. WYCHE.

We hear nothing yett of the arrivall of the two new Company's Ships on this Coast.

N°. 75

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of
y^e^. R^t^. Honble. English East India
Comp^a^. & Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^. George
&c^a^. Councill.

Metchlepat^m^. 21st. Augt. 1703.

Rec^d^. y^e^. ℔ mo. Sept. 1703 ℔ Pattamar.

Our last to your Hon^r^. &c^a^. was dated the 5th. Instant since wch. have rec^d^. yours of y^e^. 26th. past the 8th. Instant with a Pacquett for Vizagapatam which we forwarded to them by Boat the 12th. Ins^t^.

Herewith we send yor. Honour &c^a^. a Pacquett wee rec^d^. yesterday from S^r^. Jno. Gayer &c^a^. att Suratt by the New Company's Peons under cover to us here dated 7 July Copy whereof comes inclosed.

The Merchants have bro^t^. in their full quantity of Chay Goods upon former Contracts excepting w^n^. they were prohibited & your Hon^r^. &c^a^. ordered us to avoid takeing any in if Possible.

One Thomas Baulden a Souldier came here & enter'd himself in the New Comp^s^. Service from Bengall but we haveing notice that he had run away from the Fort demanded him of M^r^. Tillard who has delivered him to us & wee have sent him to Vizagapatam Wee are

Honble. S^r^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. Hon^rs^. most Obedient humble Servants

Steph : Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.
J. Harrison.
Richard Harrison.

N°. 76

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^.
Honble. East India Comp^a^. on the
Coast of Chormandell & Govern^r^.
of Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. David &c^a^.
Councill.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Rec^d^. y^e^. 4th Septr. 1703 ℔ Pattamar.

Yours of the 20th. August we rec^d^. the 24th. and gladly understand the Safe arrivall of the Colchester, According to your Hon^r^. &c^a^'s. Permission we have this day given our Bill upon yor. Hon^r^. &c^a^. for Six Thousand pag^s^. Account our Joint Stock Merchants payable to Audeweraw Chitty, The News paper we received enclosed.

Our next shall accompany our Consultations and Dyary Account of Cash & expence of Dyett to the Ult^o^. August, Which for the future shall be Sent up as Your Hono^r^. &c^a^. directs.

In few day's more, we shall be able to gett embaled about Eighty or Ninety Bales, of which about Sixteen belonging to your Merchants, which will compleat the Contract made with ours, It will be difficult to advise your Honour &c^a^. what abatement the Merchants may be brought too upon a New Contract, Cloth at present is very cheap, but if it sho^d^. be noised abroad that we were makeing a New Contract Cloth would rise att least Ten ℔ Cent, So that wee are humbly of Opinion the Merchants be allowed a little time to buy up and contract for what Cloth they can of the Company's Sort before this takes Air, which would enable them to Serve y^e^. Company upon cheaper Termes than otherwise, we shall in a few days more discourse them wth. what Privacy Possible and in our next give your Hono^r^. &c^a^. an Account & y^e^. lowest Termes they can be brought to accept.

Dureing the time of the Howlands stay here, she neither shipp'd off or Landed any Goods, and we never heard the Captain Speak of any other business he had here but to wait for the Arrivall of ye. Pembrook in order to comply with ye. promise he made ye. Honble. President of keeping her Company to Suratt if posible, Which we beleive to be true, for they Sailed together the next morning early after her Arrivall.

The excessive Land Winds we have had this Year we think has killed many of our Silk Worms But ye. Winders attribute it cheifly to ye. unfittingness of the house, they are in att the Garden, We have been endeavouring to get another thatch'd for their purpose, but can't find any Proper So desire to know if we may be permitted to build one according to their directions, the cost of which will amount att least, to two or three hundred Pagodas, Wee have hedged in and planted a large feild of Mullberry's, & as they thrive the Wormes may be encreased to what Number we please, when we have a Convenient place to putt them in.

Wee are in great want of Penns, Ink & Paper of all Sorts especially for the Bookes for we have not Sufficient to carry them on this Yeare we Remain.

Fort St. David
September ye. 2d. 1703.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your most humble Servants

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd. Mountague.
Richd. Farmer.
Tr. Games.
John Berlu.

Our Doctor dyed ye. 21st. of last month & we not haveing any body fitt to administer Physick, request Your Honr. &ca. will please to send us an experienced Man by the first Opportunity.

Idm.

G. R.
J. H.
R. I.
E. M.
R. F.
Tr: G.

No. 77

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for Affairs of
the Rt. Honble. English East
India Company & Governr. of
Fort St. George &ca. Councill.

Vizagapatam 13th. Augt. 1703.

Honble. &ca.

On the 5th. Currt. wee had the Honr. of yours of the 5th. July & shall observe your directions in ye. Ballanceing & carrying on of our Generall Books which shall be speedily finished, we have kept a proportion of Long Cloth, and Sallampores brown according to your former Directions, A List of our Goods comes here enclosed from our Warehousekeeper & when yor. Honr. &ca. shall send us more money we shall invest it according to your Order.

Recd. 9th. Septembr. 1703 ℘ Pattamar.

Rustumdill Still continues where he was & we hope is not likely to come near us for some time there being a great Division between him and the Southern Raja's who have revolted & are come of this Side the River Rajamendrum and have hawled up all the Boats to Prevent the Passage of him, & any of his People and which is what at Present offers from

HONBLE. &CA.
Your most humble Servants

SIMON HOLCOMB.
THO: STABLES.
ROBT. CRANWELL.

No. 78

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONOBLE. EAST INDIA COMPANY ON THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL, AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.

Recd. ye. 13th. Septr. 1703 ℘ Boat. Our last to Your Honr. &ca. bore date the 2d. Instant; On the 14th. came to hand Yours of the 30th. past month, and enclosed an answer to [Mr.] Haynes's Query's, Which is delivered him.

Pursuant to Your Honr. &cas. Direction we have Summoned the Rt. Honble. Company's Merchants and discoursed them about a New Investment [They] in debate requested to know for what Amount [the] Contract must be made, In what time compleated, and how much money we would pay them beforehand; they [also] desired to have their last Years Account adjusted and the Ballance due to them paid, which would enable them the better to carry on this new one, for ye. stock they are obliged by Contract to raise now lyes in the Company's hands, But after pressing them often to think of an abatement, they at last agreed to abate Ten ℘ Cent provided the foregoing Articles was Settled to their Content; These are the uttmost Termes we are able to bring our Merchants to, at Present, But those that advised Your Honor. &ca. that good Long Cloth was to be bought here att 24 pags. a Corge, wod. doe the Rt. Honble. Company a very good peice of Service to come down here and provide itt, for it is past the skill of our Merchants to procure Such Cloth as we sent the Company last Yeare at yt. Price.

The Monthly Accounts of this Place shall for the future be constantly past the Succeeding month, and whoever omitts complying therewith the Companys Orders shall be putt in execution according to Your Honor. &ca's. Direction.

Mr. Samuell Atkins arrived here the 4th. to whom we have allowed the Same Sallary as was given Doctor Royer deceased, We hope his Ability will be such as to gaine the same Creditt and Success his Predecessor had, We are in great want of Medicines a List of which comes enclosed, which we request Your Honr. &ca. to Supply us with.

Last Consultation day we Summoned Mollim and his Debt to the Rt. Honble. Company was Demanded of him in the Civillest termes imaginable to wch. he answered that it was true he owed the Company some money for Custome, But in the Yeare 1701 he was sent up to David [*sic*] Cawne by order from the Honble. President. In which Expedition he expended a considerable sume of Money for the Service of ye. Rt. Honoble. Company, and requested to know whether it must be allowed him. He was desired to put his demand in writeing, Which when we receive shall be sent to your Honor. &ca. for your perusall and direction therein.

He has often pressed Us to reduce the Customes of this place, and alledges that unless it be putt in Practice it will be very prejudiciall to the Company Which we have reason to feare because himself wth. most of the Tradeing Chuliars of Cuddalore have this Yeare provided their Goods att Porto Novo because the Custome there is between 2 & 3 ℘ Cent cheaper than what is Collected here by which the Company is deprived of receiveing any Custome att all; But over and above their Custome there is Collected Severall Small Duty's on all weighable and Measurable Goods a List of which comes inclosed, with the Uses and Persons they are applyed to, which we request Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. perusall of, and direction whether they shall all or any part of them be continued.

This accompanys Our Diary's, Consultations, Account Cash and Dyet expence to the Ult^{o}. past Month, also M^{r}. Farmers Account of Tobacco Beetle and Ganjee of Tevenapatam for the month of July Omitted to be sent in our last, which being [y^{e}. need]full we remaine.

Fort S^{T}. David
September y^{E}. 10TH. 1703.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.
Your most humble & most obedient Servants

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edm^{D}. Mountague.
Rich^{D}. Farmer.
Tr: Games.
Jn^{O}. Berlu.

A List of the Pacquett Viz^{T}.

Fort S^{t}. David Generall Letter to Fort S^{t}. George dated the 10th. September 1703.

N°. 1. Consultations and Dyary from the ℘mo. January 170⅔ to the Ult^{o}. August 1703.

2. An Acco^{t}. of the whole expence of the Gener^{ll}. Table in Fort S^{t}. David from the ℘mo. Aprill 1703 to the Ult^{o}. August 1703.

3. Customes and Exactions as lately taken by sever^{ll}. Persons, Collected in Cuddalore by the Town Conicoply of said Place and others.

4. A List of Medicines Wanting in Fort S^{t}. David.

5. A List of the Pacquett.

Fort S^{T}. David September y^{E}. 11TH. 1703.

N°. 79

To the Hono^{BLE}. Thomas Pitt Esq^{R}.
President for Affairs of
the R^{T}. Hon^{BLE}. English East India
Company & Gov^{R}. of Fort S^{T}. George
&c^{A}. Councill.

Hono^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.

Wee received yours of the 20th. past the 2^{d}. Instant with an Abstract of News received ℘ ship Colchester from Persia, and also a Pacquett for the New Company's President & Councill here which was delivered to M^{r}. Tillard. Rec^{d}. 26th Septr. 1703.

The Warehousekeeper declares that he was Present when the Chest was opened where the looking glasses were, and that there was in the bottom of said Chest but 12 Sword blades nine plain & three guilded, whereas in the Invoice they charge us wth. twelve plaine, and three guilt, but not one of the Sword Blades which is Invoiced to us under y^{e}. head of Armoury Stores have we received.

We have att last recovered the Dustore that was due to the Rt. Honble. Company from the Maddapollam Merchants, and also what was due one Said Account from Quolla Narsoe here soe that now there is nothing more due from our Merchants here or att Maddapollam on that Account Wee are

METCHLEPATAM
16 SEPTEMR. 1703.

HONBLE. SR. &CA.
Yor. Honrs. most obedient humble Servants

MR. FAUCETT att *Gopapollam.*

STEPH: FREWEN.
JER: HARRISON.
RICHARD HARRISON.

No. 80

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF YE. RT. HONBLE.
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY &
GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA.
COUNCILL.

SRS.

Recd. ye 26th. Septemr. 1703. [₽] Abednigo Ketch.

We have before us to answer yours of the 8th. of June primo and 12th. of July.

We are sorry that Mr. Peachie dieing in Mr. Duboises house, his Effects will be lost to his relations, 'tis the Company's orders to this Presidency and wee thought it had been so to all others in India for their Cheif and Councill to take care of deceased Persons Effects, when they make no Will nor have not any Relations or lawfull Persons to Administer, and that the Accounts be sent home by the first shiping for the deceased's Relations to receive ye. proceeds in England and accordingly, we have Acted with Mr. Peachie's Effects in this Place.

We accompted that you had Salt Petre enough for to Kintlage two ships but as you say it may be little more then enough for one Ship, if you want Goods for the Tonnage on your hands and that may be the reason you design the Colchester for ye. Bay.

Sloop Expedition arrived here the 8th. Ulto. having very narrowly escaped being lost by bad Weather she mett withall off Point Pallmarres where she Anchored and lost there, and in Ballasore Roade, all excepting a Small Kedgone, and so was forced over the Braces and by great Providence the Master run her ashore in a River to the Eastward of Sago, where having Intelligence we sent her a Pylot, Anchors, & Cables and brought her Safely hither. But so soon as she arrived the Master desireing the Vessell to be fitted we Sent three Carpenters on board to Survey her who gave in Report that she was not worth fitting to Sea, but if we were resolved to Send her they gave in an Accot. what must be done, Copie of the same comes inclosed, and considering how earnestly you write for Salt Petre we were resolved to fitt the Vessell and she will be ready to depart hence within eight or Ten day's but beleiveing she will not carry the quantity you expect we have sent two Hundred & fifty bags on freight for fifteen ₽ Ct. on this Ketch and shall Send the like Quantity by the Greyhound Sloop Mr. Stones Bill of Ladeing and Invoice of the Salt Petre comes herewith but we have no Salt Petre arrived from Patana & beleive 'twill be late before it comes Mr. Redshaw &ca. having mett with a great deale of trouble from ye. Duan there who requires Custome or that we give a writeing to pay the Same upon the Mogulls Order notwithstanding we have Sent him Authentick Copies of the [rights] & Priviledges the Rt. Honble. Company hath to Trade there, and he is one of those that will not receive bribes so that we have had a hard Task to deale wth. him, by our last Advices we understand he hath permitted Mr. Redshaw &ca. to lade the Salt Petre on boats but 'tis feared will not let them come away wth.out a writing, the Dutch haveing given

one to clear their Salt Petre boats notwithstanding they have the Mogulls Phirmaund to pay but four ₩ Cent Custome whereas the Duan demands the Same Custome the Natives pay, There is an Order come from Court for the Armenians to pay the Same Custom's as the Gentues, whereas formerly they pay'd but four ₩ Cent.

Herewith comes the Warehousekeepers Acco^t^. of the weight of the Copper received by the Endeavour Brigantine which occasioned Some dispute upon paying Capt. Hart his freight he insisted that he delivered much more than his Bill of Ladeing express'd by computeing the Candy's and we demanded each bag to hold out One Hundred & Thirty one Pound.

We wish you had pleased to have granted our request in Sending down the Thousand Chests of Copper on the Companys two Sloops (having them in the house) for besides the Security of the Passage there being Pilots on board each Vessell, and y^e^. Savings of freight paid to others (which would have been a good Article in the Companys Books for y^e^. Credit of their Vessells, the Charge of which they So much complain) 'twould then have arrived to a good Markett, whereas now we can neither sell it for ready money nor Barter it for Salt Petre there being arrived from China, Surrat and the Coast near Ten Thousand Maunds the first that arrived we Sold for Thirty one Rupees four Anna's ₩ maund but now 'twill not near fetch your Invoice Price, we also desired Allemgeer Pagodas, those that bring them have disposed thereof for three Rupees Nine Annas and three Rupees Ten Anna's ₩ Pagodea.

We return thanks for all News Imparted to us, are sorry to hear of the Pyratts being abroad again in these Parts, but there being no more then have been these twelve or fifteen Yeares past, Trade will be much att the Same rate, and the Company under the like troubles without they find Some meanes to root out those Villaines.

We take notice of the Death of M^r^. Pitt at Metchlepatam and hear that a Young Gentleman Setts up for a New Consull there, who hath Gutted y^e^. Hallifax of all the Effects she bro^t^. from China [Vend]able at y^t^. Port, and Sent her hither, what S^r^. Edward Littleton and Councill will doe with y^e^. Ships on their hands we cannot tell, the Hern being arrived here from Borneo with a Corgoe, of Copper Sugar's, and Pepper, and y^e^. Second of that place was appointed by the Cheif there Super Cargoe of the Ship, not trusting to y^e^. Dispatch of the President and Councill in Hugley who they esteem very dilatory persons, but S^r^. Edwd. Littleton &c^a^. have taken the Ship and Cargoe into their Management so that they have four Ships in y^e^. River whose Charter party's will be out the primo February about Seventy Chests of Treasure in [y^e^.] house and as yett no hand putt forward to business.

According to our Masters Orders we have taken an Account of the New Company's dead Stock in Hughly (and they have done y^e^. like of ours here) and keep Bookes for the United Acco^t^. from y^e^. twenty Second of July according to the Managers Orders which arrived at a time we were near ballanceing last Years books, which gives us a great deale of Trouble, having cancelled them and begun all new again, notwithstanding shall be able to Send both pair of Bookes for England by y^e^. January shiping.

We observe your Opinion that the Company will not like your sending Goods from the Coast to Bengall as those were which came down in the Tavistock from Vizagapatam, but the Risgo of them would be no more to the Company then the returning of Bengall Goods, which occasioned us to make that proposition Yet if the Glocester should Arrive you may have occasion for those Bales Sent by the two Vessells, but by our advices from Bencoolen we understand the Company sent out no more Stock then wo^d^. provide a Cargoe of pepper, and order'd her directly for England which they are in hopes to Effect.

Every day waiting for the arrival of our Masters Shiping hath occasioned our deferring mention^g^. any thing to S^r^. Edward about Woolstone from whom we expect no Sattisfactory answer, but shall do it within a Short time.

Ambross Adams whom you mention came down on Capt. Harts Vessell who wee have reproved for so Ill an Action, and Capt. Harnett deny's his being on board ship, which is in the Dock on the other side of the Water, but we are advised he plays hide and Seek, in some of the Natives houses thereabouts but doubt not but wee shall have an opportunity to Seize him, which we should not have done but upon your writeing having promised to our Selves never to secure any more of the Ships Seamen when the Ships have departed hence, for y^{e}. Commander on their return will never pay y^{e}. Comp^{a}. what disburst for their Maintainance, Perticularly the Commanders of the Fleet Friggott and Phœnix, what charge we shall be att if we get this fellow, will place to your Presidency.

By Copie of a Consultation and Order we placed on the Fort Gate you will perceive what care we have taken that none of the Country Shipping shall entertain Seamen out of the Company's Europe Ships to weakening their Ships Comp^{a}. thereby to endanger their homeward bound Passages.

We have ordered M^{r}. Russell to pay to M^{r}. Curgenven the Ballance of the deceased Jno. Rosario Account when he has gather'd all that he can gett in, Cosma Deis has been enquired after and [as] Ye^{tt}. cannot be found We are

FORT W^{M}. IN BENGALL
AUGUST Y^{E}. 21ST. 1703.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Yo^{r}. most humble Serv^{ts}.

JOHN BEARD.
JONA^{N}. WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

A LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO FORT S^{T}. GEORGE ℔ THE ABEDNIGO KETCH.

N°. 1. Fort Willm. Generall dated the 21st. Augt. 1703.
2. Bill of Lading of Goods ship'd on board y^{e}. Abednigo Ketch.
3. Copy of a Paragraph of a Consultation of y^{e}. 12th. July 1703.
4. Invoice of what shiped on board y^{e}. Abednigo Ketch.
5. Robert Boone, Sam^{ll}. Boucher & W^{m}. Charles their opinions concerning Sloop Expedition.
6. Acco^{t}. of Copper which came on y^{e}. Endeav^{r}. Brigantine.
7. List of the Pacquett.

N°. 81

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}.
R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY AND GOVERN^{R}. OF FORT S^{T}.
GEORGE &C^{A}. COUNCILL.

S^{RS}.

Rec^{d}. 26th Septembr. 1703 ℔ Sloop Greyhound.

Our last unto you was on the 21st. Instant by Ketch Abednigo Coppy of which comes inclosed wth. Capt. Stones 2^{d}. Bill of Loading for what Petre Ship'd on that Vessell.

Herewith comes Samuell Butchers Bill of Loading and Invoice of three hundred bags of Salt Petre Ship't on board the Sloop Greyhound amounting to Rupees 3288.

The Sloop Expedition will be ready to take in Salt Petre within five or Six day's time by whom shall Send five hundred bags more wch. is the most the Master Saith she can take on board, so that you will have a large Supply for the Colchester and Chambers.

We desire to know if an Opportunity offers of Freighting Salt Petre to the West Coast, whither we may Send them any or not, and what Freight may be allowed. We are

Fort Willm. in Bengall
August the 30th. 1703.

Srs.
Yors. most Humble Servts.

John Beard.
Jonan. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

P.S.

The Masters of the Abednigo Ketch and Greyhound Sloop where [*sic*] at ye. weighing of the Salt Petre and are answerable for the weight.

J. B.
J.W.
R. Sheldon.
J. Russell.

A List of the Pacquett ℘ ye. Greyhound Sloop to Fort St. George the 31st. of August 1703.

No. 1. Fort Willm. in Bengall Generall dated ye. 30th. Augt. 1703.
2. Copie of Ditto dated ye. 21st. do. ℘ ye. Comence Briganteen.
3. Invoice of Salt Petre on board Greyhound Sloop.
4. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
5. Second Bill of Lading of ye. Abednigo Ketch.
6. List of ye. Pacquet ℘ ye. Commence Brigantine.
7. List of ye. Pacquet ℘ the Greyhound Sloop.

No. 82

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt. Honble. East India Company on the Coast of Chormandell, And Governour of Fort St. George & St. David &ca. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &ca.

Yours of the 13th. we recd. the 18th. with inclosed copy of yours of the 2d. ye. Originall of which came to hand the 20th. by a Boat on whom we recd. a Chest of Physick & Factors Provisions as mentioned in the Invoice. Recd. ye. 29th. Septr. 1703.

The Bales we lately made up was what Cloth was in the Washers hands, and if Your Honor. &ca. please to peruse the last Account of ye. Merchants you will find there then remained a considerable quantity of Cloth in ye. Washers hands & Merchants Godown, part of which is ye. Cloth we advised Your Honr. &ca. in our last was then embaleing, We have now gott ready Seaventy Six Bales, besides the Madrass Merchants Cloth, Which they desire may not be Sorted till Conicoply Paupia comes hither, Mr. Haynes has orders to make up the Merchants Account, and as Soon as finished shall be Sent your Honr. &ca. by which will appeare there yet remains considerable Ballance due to ye. Merchants.

Persuant to Yo^{r}. Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. directions we have had Severall meetings with our Merchants and treated with them about a New Investment & notwithstanding all the Arguments & reasons we have alledged, We cannot prevaile with them to make a greater abatement then Ten ⅌ Cent which is the reason we have come to no conclusion and not yett hinted to them what Payment they are to have, being perswaded that as soon as they understand the Termes of Payment they cannot be able to comply therewith, Neither can our Merchants be thought men of Such Estates as to provide fifty Thousand Pagodas of Cloth with Twenty Thousand, Tenn of wch. you are pleased to direct must not be paid them till within twenty days you expect the whole Investment compleated. We shall not faile to use our uttmost Endeav^{rs}. to conclude this Contract upon y^{e}. best Terms we can and send it Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for your Approbation.

Wee shall Build such conveniency's for the silk worms as is absolutely necessary, After which, hope to send Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. Such a quantity of Silk as will manifest this undertaking advantagious to our Masters.

Here is no money procureable att Eight ⅌ Cent and tho' you were pleased to allow twelve, it would be difficult to procure Ten Thousand Pagoda's for we have but very few money'd men in this place and those eagerly Sought after by the Trading People who willingly allow that Intrest & very often more upon occasion.

We have turned back to our Consultations & find that in May 1701 Mollim was permitted by a Letter from the Honble. President to go to David Cawns Camp to accommodate the troubles y^{t}. then happened between the English and him, Which he was in hopes to have accomõdated for y^{e}. Summ of Two Hundred Pag^{s}. then permitted to be given depending on the Friendship and Assistance of Abdull Labby who was then there, But finding great hindrance from the Duan, he spared not any requisite charges out of his own pockett which he presented in the name of the R^{t}. Honble. Company and procured an Honourable dispatch & Tasheriefs of Horses, and Vests for Madrass, and this Place, His charges in this Negotiation he now Sends to y^{e}. Honble. the President, We shall observe such orders as you are pleased to give therein.

It will be difficult for us to procure the Opinion of any of our Antient Inhabitants against their Neighbours, those who are uninterested will be cautious of giveing their advice, and those who receive any benefitt from the Duty's collected on Trade will be Sure to argue against it, So that we can't hope for any sincere advise from them, Wee have allready sent Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. a List of the Exaction and taken the Liberty to give our Opinion how Prejudiciall it may prove to the R^{t}. Honble. Company's Custom's & discourage Traders come^{g}. to this Port therefore shall waite Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. further direction in this Affaire, which shall be carefully observed.

We presume our Consultations Dyary and Account Cash are kept the usuall Methods the latter of which we have carefully looked over and find nothing therein we think belongs to the Paymaster's Accounts, and if You please to mention in what particulars, it shall for the future be discharg'd by him.

M^{r}. Bulteel by your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}'^{s}. Permission has laid down the Company's Service and has given up his Acco^{t}. of the Storekeepers Employ, which att Present is supply'd by M^{r}. Berlu, till we have some fitting Person here to undertake the Same.

M^{r}. Farmers Account of Tobacco, Beetle and Ganjee, for the month of July (omitted to be Sent in our last) comes inclosed.

In a former Letter Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was pleased to advise You would send hither Serjeant Latrell in the roome of Serjeant Du Bang, some time since is come

hither Serjeant Turnbull but he brot. no letter with him, neither has any mention been made since of his being sent hither Wee Remaine

Fort St. David
Septembr. ye. 24th. 1703.

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your most humble Servants

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Edmd. [Mountague.]
Ricd. Farmer.
Tr: Games.
Jno. Berlu.

No. 83

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President & Governr. of Fort St. George
and St. David.

Honble. Sr.

In May 1701 You were pleased according to my Request to honour me to Negotiate Some business for the Rt. Honble. Company att David Cawns Camp, which I had hopes to Effect with a small charge through the Assistance of our Friend Abdull Labby, who was then there, I proceeded on my business but found more hindrance, then I had foreseen from the Duan, who was very earnest in opposeing my endeavours yor. Honor. knows the Power of that Officer, wherefore not to faile in my undertakeing to serve the Rt. Honble. Company, and the Master requireing it I was (tho with the best Husbandry I could contrive) not backward in ye. most necessary charges out of my own Pockett, but presented it in the name of the Rt. Honble. Compa. by wch. I effected an Honble. Dispatch, with Tashereif's of Horses and Vests for Your Honr. the Deputy Govr. here, A Tashereife for the 2d. of this Place and other Assurances of Friendship wch. has Since been continued, wch. could not have been procured with the summ I was permitted to give, or the Rt. Honble. Company's business accomodated att, so difficult a Juncture and had it not been done Your Honr. is sencible how prejudiciall it could have been to their Inhabitants & Intrest here. It is too obvious to all the World, that I had not business of my own to sollicite then, but what I undertook was purely to Serve ye. Rt. Honble. Company & nothing elce, inclosed comes a List of the Charges, I was att in yr. Expedition, which I referr to Your Honrs. consideracon and as you shall please to determine, I request you will therein send your Orders to the Worpll. the Depty. Govr. &ca. here, that an end be put to the Account between the Rt. Honble. Company, and my Self in the doing of which Your Honr. will add to the many obligations you have been pleased to conferr on (Recd. ye. 29th. Septembr. 1703.)

Your Honrs. most Obedt. and most humble Servant.

Cuddalore 25th. Sepr. 1703.

Mocdum Nina.

N°. 84

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of y^{e}.
R^{t}. Honble. East India Company
on the Coast of Chormandell, & Governour
of Fort S^{t}. George & S^{t}. David &c^{a}. Councill.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Rec^{d}. y^{e}. 1st. Octob^{r}. 1703. Yours of the 21st. came to hand the 25th. the first and chief Paragraph of which relateing cheifly to the Dep^{ty}. Govern^{rs}. opening the Dutch Letter with his Name on the Superscription, he craves liberty to make the following Answer.

According to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}'s. Order the Origin^{ll}. Letter comes inclosed just as he rec^{d}. it from M^{r}. Cracow the Dutch Cheif here, and for as much as he can understand Dutch thinks the Superscription of that Letter directed immediately to himself from the Govern^{r}. and Some of y^{e}. Councill of Negapatam Purport of whose Letter as he understands it serv'd only for Covert [*sic*] to y^{e}. Generall and Councills Letter, which by their Order was to be Sent to him.

Upon first view of their Letter he was very much Surprized att the Superscription, but haveing formerly received great Civillity's from the Generall of Batavia, concluded it only a Complementall Letter from him, And knowing the Dutch to be very often guilty of giveing extraordinary Complementall Titles occasioned his opening the Same Upon perusall of the Originall Superscription (wch. by good fortune is Saved) Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will Perceive that it does not Title him Governour of Fort S^{t}. George But Governour resideing in Fort S^{t}. George and not Governour & Councill of Fort S^{t}. George as You are pleased to write in your Generall Letter, Which might occasion any Ones comitting the like Error, All which he hopes may plead his Excuse for opening the Letter, Indeed after finding it was an answer to Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}'s. Letter, he ownes himself to blame & in an Error, and pray's you will excuse not sending the Originall, and is confident from all his behaviour that the Honble. President nor none elce, can imagine it done with the least intention of disrespect, & therefore hopes it will hinder any further resentment or reflections on this Accident.

It is impossible for us to come to any agreem^{t}. with our Merchants upon the Termes permitt'd in the Generall Letter, and our Merchants continue very stiff to their proposall of Tenn ₽ Cent abatement, We have not yet hinted to them [what] Payment they are like to receive in this New Contract, fearing it will hinder a greater abatement wch. wee are Still in hopes to perswade them to make, after wch. agree the Payments on the best Termes we can and represent the whole to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for your Approbation.

Our Secretary assures Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. that he is not capable of Translateing the Dutch Letter, thô he is of coppying that or any other Letter y^{t}. lyes before him.

According to Your Order M^{r}. Samuell Nelthorp Shall be permitted to take his Passage [for] Madrass by the first opportunity, We remaine.

Fort S^{t}. David
27th. Septemb^{r}. 1703.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most humble Servants

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Edm^{d}. Mountague.
Ri: Farmer.
Tr; Games.
John Berlu.

N°. 85

Madraspatam.

To the Honble. Gabriell Roberts
Govern^r^. for the R^t^. Honble. English
East India Company, Residing in
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^.

We received a letter from Your Hon^rs^. Predecessor the late Govern^r^. Thomas Pitt &c^a^. Councill of Fort S^t^. George Dated 18th. Septemb^r^. 1702 by which they desired the releaseing of the Goods land'd att Mallacca the Year 1691 by Capt. Samuell Blackmore against the Custome of the place, and confiscated by the Fiscall, or the product of the Sale of the Said Goods, We must with sorry make our Answer that, that business by the crossness & ill behaviour of the Said Samuell Blackmore was brought out of our Power, neither did the Said Goods reach what they were vallued by the adjoyning Memory, but Sold on publick Outcry for 3702⅞ Rix Doll^s^. wch. is a great difference, The said Blackmore came from Mallacca hither, and made his Complaint to us about the confiscation, we did offer him Severall times an appeal to the Honble. Councill of Justice of this place, being the highest Court of this Country notwithstanding he was condemned att Mallacca by his continuing there to the Process, and so according to all European Law, not to enjoy the benefitt of an Appeall; however in regard of the strict Alleyance between the Crown of England & our State, we did allway's show our favour to y^e^. Serv^ts^. of y^e^. R^t^. Honble. Company as farr as it did agree with our Mast^rs^. Orders, and so we made no Scruple of opening a way to the said Samuell Blackmore for an appeale to y^e^. s^d^. higher Court but he by his Cross humour would (under our Jurisdiction) be judge of his own case, & would have all according to his fancy being the reason of the said Confiscation, and we not able to doe any thing more about that, Now whether y^e^. Goods belong to the R^t^. Honble. English Company or not, we doe not know, but it is certain, the Honble. Company might demand y^e^. Goods from such an unfitt Servant, or from his Heirs, we hope this our answer and advice to y^e^. matter will be acceptable to Your Hono^r^. Chiefly [as you] will please to consider our late favour in the Year 1698 abo^t^. the Ophium containing 86 Canasters & Chests seized on y^e^. Coast of Java, which we for kindness sake have sent to Madrass on our own Ship by two English Gentlemen David Blair & James Ros to be deliver'd to Your Hon^rs^. Predecessour, we still continueing in y^t^. hope and so will conclude this wishing Your Hon^r^. all happiness and prosperity, Remaining Rec^d^. 1st Octobr. 1703.

Hono^ble^. S^r^.
Your ready Friends to Comand

W^m^. Van Outhoore.
Joan Van Hoore.
Laurence Pyl.
A^an^. Van Bubeeck.
Joan^s^. [.........].
E. M. Borneree.
Jacob Van Dam.
P. Van Swoll.
Abraham Douglas.
Av: Ryn.

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N°. 86

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of y^{e}.
R^{t}. Honble. East India Comp^{a}.
on the Coast of Chormandell,
& Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George &
S^{t}. David &c^{a}. Councill.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Rec^{d}. 2^{d}. Octobr. 1703 ⅌ Pattamars.

Our last to your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. bore date y^{e}. 27th. Instant, and considering you have been, pleased in Severall Letters earnestly to press Us to conclude a Contract with our Merchants for Fifty Thousand Pagoda's Wee this day again Summoned the R^{t}. Honble. Company's Merchants, & after a long treatment, they possitively refuse comeing to any Agreement or signing any new Contract till we have Sort'd as many Goods as will make the last Amount to One Hundred Thousand Pagodas and pay them their Ballance, which we could not consent too, Because in a former Letter from Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. You say You would have the Ballance of their old Account to be a part of that Contract, so that we shall forbear takeing in any more cloth till we have Your Hono^{r}. &c^{as}. Permission so to doe, But if Your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. thinks convenient to permitt the last Contract to be concluded as aforesaid, Wee hope and beleive can perswade y^{e}. Merchants to the following Termes.

First to abate twelve ⅌ Cent on the prizes of last Contract, and upon the Signing thereof to pay them no more than Tenn Thousand Pagoda's down, Tenn Thousand Pag^{s}. that day month in November, Ten Thousand Pagoda's more in the month of December, and the remaining Twenty Thousand Pagoda's in February, or sooner if the Chambers Friggott arrives.

Secondly, that the Merchants will oblige to bring in all the cloth so early as to be washed, Sorted & embaled by the last of January, to be Sorted by y^{e}. Madrass Musters, and y^{e}. Species of Goods to be in proportion to the last Years Contract, and if any Sort Augmented, it be ordinary Long Cloth, & Sallampores, to all wch. we request Your Speedy directions.

The Deanes haveing imported by Sea Severall Parcells of Cloth to be washed in our Bounds belonging to their Company Wee request to know whether we must take of them any greater Custom than 2½ ⅌ Cent.

Persuant to Your Permission, M^{r}. Nelthorpe took his passage for Madrass on a Boat Yesterday, Which being the needfull, Crave leave to Subscribe

Fort S^{t}. David
Septemb^{r}. y^{e}. 29th. 1703.

Honble. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Your most Humble Serv^{ts}.

G. Roberts.
Jno. Haynes.
Edm^{d}. Montague.
Ri: Farmer.
Tr: Games.
Jno. Berlu.

N°. 87

To Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presid^{t}. for affairs of y^{e}. Company
of Merchants of London trading
to the East Indies &c^{a}. Councill.

S^{rs}.

Rec^{d}. 7th. Octob^{r}. 1703. ⅌ Pattamar.

Yours of the 26th. July directed to my Self &c^{a}. Councill I rec^{d}. the 8th. Ult^{mo}. but it requiring no Immediate answer is y^{e}. reason of my not giveing you an Account of the receipt thereof till rec^{d}. some News to Impart to you.

That you may no more mention &ca. Councill on the Superscription of your Letters to me 'twill be necessary, to lett you know that all ye. Councill sent our [*sic*] hither ꝑ our Directrs. are since Dead, and myself only left to Succeed Presidt. Pitt.

The 25th. Instant I recd. a Letter from Sr. Edward Littleton &ca. Councill at Hugly ye. 12th. June last accompanying Severall others from England ꝑ ye. Catharine Capt. Jenefer designed for Suratt but fors't into Bengall by Contrary winds & hard blowing weather, amongst the Sd. Letters from England was one from the Honble. Managers dated in London ye. 31st. July 1702, one of the Originalls of said Letter you have allready received, therefore no occasion to Send you a Coppy of this, no News but what you have already heard off ꝑ the Howland, for this Ship Catharine came from England in August last Yeare I wish you Success in Your Affairs & remaine

METCHLEPATAM
SEPTEMBR. YE. 27TH. 1703.

SRS.
Yor. most humble Servant
WM. TILLARD.

The Lettr. herewith for Jno. Burniston Esqr. I send you, to be forwarded for Bombay you haveing more opportunity's to Send thither then I can have from this Place.

No. 88

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
HONBLE. EAST INDIA COMPANY
& GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCILL.

SRS.

Our last was by the Greyhound Sloop Copie of which comes enclosed also ye. Mastr. of this Sloop's Bill of Lading for what Goods Ship't on board and Invoice of said Cargoe, Wages & Repairs of the Vessell amounting to Rups. for wch. please to give us Credit; Wee were Surprized to understand from Mr. Lytton that the Sloop could carry no more than four Hundred baggs of Salt Petre and therefore desired Capt. Heaton and Capt. Love to go on board with the Charges Generall keeper to take Survey of her & the Captts. gave in their opinions, Copie of the Same comes enclosed for your Perusall. Recd. 9th Octobr. 1703 ꝑ Sloop Expedition.

Herewith comes Capt. Rouse's bill of Lading to be returned the Present Commander, there was short in Redwood twelve maunds fifteen Seer, Mr. Lytton made use of a bagg of Copper to ride by in the Sloops distress which was lost with the last Anchor on board allowed to weigh one Maund Thirty Seer Eight Cheta.

The New Company make very little progress in their business, all that we have heard is their giveing out money to ye. Merchants for four Hundred maunds of Raw Silk to be delivered by ye. fifteenth of December, every one thinks it very Strange that Sr. Edward Littleton & Councill have kept Seventy Chests of Treasure in the house, so many months & never had it coined, which if they had done So in a Merchts. name batta being so high their Masters would have gained five ꝑ Cent a very good Article in so large a Summ of money.

We hope you are made happy before this time wth. a Ship from England which we dayly expect, The Trumball Galley arriveing Batavia in June last her Capt. acquainted Capt. Chamberlain that when he left England the begginning of February ye. Tavistock & Dutches were fitting & design'd for ye. Coast & Bay.

The primo Instant we wrote a Letter to S^{r}. Edwd. Littleton and Councill about M^{r}. Woolstone desire^{g}. they would not prevent our Sending him for Madrass to Account with those that employ'd him in the proper Place, but as yet they have given no Answer thereunto.

The black Stones your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. have Sent us for the Chappell being but from one Inch & half to two Inches thick, We did not consider they might be gott of six inches which is the exact height of the Steps & so provided not for Such weight in the Arch work, which our Architect fears must be fill'd up unless there can be Sent us twelve or fifteen of Such Stones seven and half or Eight foot long for the uppermost Steps on the Arch to be Supported in the Walls the steps being in Number Thirty of Seaven foot wide, and fourteen Inches tread with two landing Places each Seven foot Square, Wee question not but Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will Supply us accordingly if to be gott also with the remaining Stones desired for the Chappell Wee are

Fort W^{M}. in Bengall
Septemb^{R}. y^{E}. 9TH. 1703.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. &c^{A}.
Yo^{r}. most humble Serv^{ts}.

John Beard.
Jona^{N}. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

P. S.

M^{r}. Jno. Russell hath p^{d}. to M^{r}. Curgenven y^{e}. Ball. of the Acco^{t}. of Jo : Rosareo's Effects & dd to him his Escrutere & what obligations & Acco^{ts}. belong to him.

Idem J. B.
J. White.
R. Sheldon.
J. Russell.

Verte.

Fort Will^{M}. Generall dated the 9TH. Sept^{R}. 1703.

P. S.

N°. 1.

M^{r}. George Lytton having lain violent hands upon himself as the Sloop was ready to depart occasion'd our detaining her four or five day's longer to gett Jno. Cornelison Master, In the mean time S^{r}. Edward Littleton and Councill gave answer to our Letter wrote unto them concerning M^{r}. Woolstone, wch. was very Surprizeing to us and may be the like to you Copie of what wrote, their answer and our reply comes enclosed for perusall.

Capt. Murvill arriving from Acheen sailed through Ballasore Roade and acquaints us there was a large English Europe Ship in that Roade but can't tell whether she came from England directly not be^{g}. able to Speak with her by reason of bad weather Some think it may be Colchester, others y^{e}. Sommers.

Sep^{T}. y^{E}. 13TH. 1703.

John Beard.
Jona^{N}. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

A LIST OF YE. PACQUETT TO FORT ST. GEORGE ⅌ SLOOP EXPEDITION THE 13TH. SEPTEMBR. 1703.

No. 1. Fort Willm. Generall dated ye. 9th. Septembr. 1703.

2. Copie of Fort Willm. Generall ⅌ ye. Greyhound Sloop dated the 30th. Ulto.

[3.] Invoice } of Sloop Expedition.
[4.] Bill of Lading }

5. Second Bill of Lading of Greyhound Sloop.

6. Accot. of three months Imprest paid Sloop Expeditions men.

7. Robt. Boone, Samuel Butcher, & Willm. Charles Opinion's about Sloop Expeditions Second Copie.

8. List of Stores belonging to Sloop Exedition.

9. Saml. Heaton & Edward Loves Report of Sloop Expedition.

10. Fort William Generall dated the 1st. Septembr. to Sr. Edward Littleton &ca. Councill in Hugly.

11. Hugly Generall dated ye. 8th. Sepr. 1703 being an answer to Fort Willm. Generall of ye. 1st. Instant.

12. Fort Wm. Generall dated ye. 10th. Sepr. 1703 to Sr. Edward Littleton &ca. Councill in Hugly.

13. Charges repairing Sloop Expedition.

14. List of the Pacquett.

No. 89

TO THE HONBLE. SR. EDWARD LITTLETON KT.
&CA. COUNCILL IN HUGLY.

SRS.

Wee received a long letter from you last 17th. Aprill about Mr. Woolstone wch. we thought needless to answer, altho our opinion of the Compas. Government in India is very different from Yours we expect to be accountable on this place, where we are Intrusted to whomsoever our Masters appoint to adjust our Accounts, and therefore expect all Persons att Subordinate Factory's to adjust with us, att ye. place from whence they received their Orders & Instructions and by what we have heard the New Company require the Same from those Eminent in their Service, and consequently will not deny the old Company equall Justice. Recd. 9th Octr. 1703 ⅌Sloop Expedition

The President & Councill of Fort St. George hath desired us, to use our uttmost endeavours that he may be sent for Madrass to adjust his Accots. and yt. we may engage 'twill be done without any of those Hurricanes Suggested, for that they think him no farther worth notice then to See right done ye. Compa. in the proper Place without being putt into ye. Cock house or dungeon as they think he deserves.

We had no thoughts of given our Selves any farther trouble about Mr. Woolston, but by a Vessell that belongs to the Company, which will Saile within five or

Six day's we find it needfull to answer the Presid^{ts}. and Councill's Letter as to y^{e}. matter, and to demonstrate to our Masters, & those Gentlemen, that wee have discharged our Duty, and are

FORT W^{M}. IN BENGALL
Y^{E}. 1ST. OF SEPTEMB^{R}. 1703.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.
Your very humble Servants

JOHN BEARD.
JONA^{N}. WHITE.
RALPH SHELDON.
JOHN RUSSELL.

P. S.

M^{r}. Story was with us complaining against Capt. Morris & his Officers y^{t}. they putt Goods on shore wth.out his Knowledge & desired a Person to be sent on board to assist him, we acquainted M^{r}. Story, that we could not send any Person on board y^{e}. New Company's Ships under our Orders, y^{e}. Capt. being not obliged to obey them, put in case you had no people to send on board or would send Capt. Morris your Order to receive on [board] any Person, from us, we would assist him & moreover if he could acquaint us, where the Goods were on shoar, or in Boats we would seize them and send the same to Hugly Factory.

Idem.
J. B.
J. W.
R. S.
J. R.

N°. 90

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JOHN BEARD ESQ^{R}.
PRESID^{T}. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
GOVERN^{R}. & COMP^{A}. OF MERCHANTS
OF LONDON TRADEING TO Y^{E}. EAST
INDIES &C^{A}. COUNCILL IN CALCUTTA.

HUGLY THE 8TH. SEP^{R}. 1703.

S^{RS}.

Rec^{d}. 9th. Octob^{r}. 1703 ℘ Sloop Expedetion.

We are with yo^{rs}. of the 2^{d}. Instant some Circumstances were not then so well known to us, as since, wch. might occasion an appearance of more difference in Opinion, then really there is.

As to the case of M^{r}. Woolstone, he will readily acquiess in your Engagements here and Should have been extreamly glad if the gentlemen of Fort S^{t}. George had referred the adjusting his Acco^{ts}. to your Selves, tho when he sent them up, they were allowed with only one objection, wch. after they were Sattisfyed in, but what your engagements may availe him, when at that distance, & in y^{e}. hands of his enemy (who has publickly declared that nothing but his blood shall Sattisfy him), he very much doubts.

As we understand its nothing of his Accounts y^{t}. is the occasion of the furious heat in the Gentlemen at y^{e}. Coast (that can be allay'd by nothing but his being within their gripes) but his not consenting to the perpetrating a framed designed as horrible & wicked as ever was contrived, whereby the same was overthrown to their great greif, and to this day one is pleas'd to say (It was pitty 'twas not executed).

Mr. Woolstone is designed for England where he will Compeer before ye. Company themselves & answer all demands, having given Security for that purpose and is willing to doe anything here, that might give Sattisfaction to the Company and their Servants therefore if any means may be proposed to that purpose he would gladly comply therewith, Only begs pardon for not putting himself into the hands of the Governr. of Fort St. George, having full assurances, from his Menaces & Actions yt. his life would be at Stake without redemption, Twice Assessines have been hired to destroy him, and once near Effected but prevented by a Suddain accident, & truly we are not willing to be concerned in ye. blood of an innocent Person by being the occasion of shedding thereof by delivering up for that purpose where nothg. less can be expected.

We shall be ready to anything that may be moved to clear this matter and show our designs of good correspondence by burying all formers in Oblivion and continuing our readiness to all good Offices and Friendship (as both Company's & the United Managers do Enorder) but are absolutely averse from bringing our Selves under ye. guilt of blood Wee remaine

Srs.
Yor. very humble Servts.

Edward Littleton.
Robt. Hedges.
Janan. Winder.
Benja. Boucher.

P. S.
We have att Cassr. Sevll. stands & Frames for putting Silk upon, wch. cost pretty deale of money & may be of use hereafter, so if you please to enorder the Servant in whose charge the Factory is to receive them, we shall give order for carrg. them thither, designing to putt off our house there, We have taken care about Mr. Story.

Idem.

No. 91

To the Honble. Sr. Edward Littleton Kt.
President & ye. rest of the
Councill for ye. Affairs of ye.
English Compa. Trading to ye.
East Indies in Hugly.

Srs.

Yours of the 8th. Instant have received and Shall say no more relateing to Mr. Woolstone then that both Company's will not approve of Mr. Woolston's Voyageing for England before he adjusts his Accots. att Fort St. George, but we can't pass over (without Notice) those raving expressions against Presidt. Pitt in particular and the Councill of Fort St. George in Generall we thought from the long acquaintance & friendship Some of you had with President Pitt would have created better thoughts of him, and certainly the Company could not be so strangely Infatuated to employ Such a bloody temper'd person (as you Suggest him to be) their Governr. of Fort St. George, and such furious heated persons of that Councill, we could never have expected such an answer to a lawfull Demand, tho if not granted, gave no occation to charge that Antient Precidency of designing Murther upon a person for mismanagement in a Merchantile Affair, Were it as you Imagine, there would be a great deale of reason for an avertion to bring your selves under the guilt of blood, what a sort of people do you make of the President & Councill of Fort St. George & what a horrible wicked man must Mr. Pitt be, But if ye. Mannagers on enquiry herein find your reflections to be scurrilous and scandelous

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to a Gentleman most of them are well acquainted with, wee know not what Sattisfaction can be made him for Registring such a letter of defamation; Private writings in heat & passion may on Some Acco[ts]. be cancell'd when those in publick can't, and Men in such Ho[ble]. stations ought for that reason to be cautious what they firm on record; that Just reflections may be made hereafter w[ch]. is grounded only perhaps on your beleife, and Idle relation of a very ill Man that hath Shamefully (as we are acquainted) reflected on that very Gentleman who countenanced his Escape from the Gripes (as you term it) of y[e]. Government in Fort S[t]. George, We think it convenient to let you know wee look upon your Suggestions to be very ill grounded and expect to hear the Courts of Mannagers will be of y[e]. like Sentiments.

We have given orders to our Vacq[ll]. & Broker to receive those Frames & stands you mention into the Comp[as]. Factory in Cassimbuz[r]. and shall continue our readiness to do all other good Offices being

Fort William in Bengall
the 10th. Septemb[r]. 1703.

S[rs].
Yo[r]. very humble Serv[ts].

John Beard.
Jonan. White.
Ralph Sheldon.
John Russell.

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Hono[ble].

In obedience to Your Hon[rs]. Order we have read over and compared with y[e]. Originall y[e]. Fort S[t]. David Consultations Commenceing the ℘[mo]. Jan[ry]. 1699/700 & ending the Ult[o]. Decemb[r]. 1700 in which wee observe so very many mistakes in the Sev[ll]. Consultations, in that which should have been the true and fair copie, as that it sho[d]. seem never to have been Compared with the Originall of the Same at Fort S[t]. David tho signed by the then Secretary of that place. The mistakes & Omissions are too many to give Your Hon[r]. the trouble of their particulars, besides y[e]. many blots Blurs & Interlineings that so much deface all those Consultations after y[e]. 15th. Aprill to y[e]. close of y[e]. Year in said book, w[ch]. are writt by another hand then the Secretary who began them y[e]. ℘[mo]. January to y[e]. 15th. y[e]. aforesaid Aprill, so that (with Submission) the said Consultations cannot or ought not to be signed in so imperfect a manner, as they now are untill they be more exactly writt over again;

Notwithstanding we find their fair Coppy's to Octob[r]. 1700 have been Sent home that month by the Howland, and y[e]. remaining part of them aforesaid Year were sent home in February next following by the King William w[ch]. were writt by one Nicholas Audrrey who was entertained for that purpose & other writ[g]. work att Fort S[t]. David the space of 5½ months Wee are with all respect

Fort S[t]. George
Septemb[r]. 7th. 1703.

Hon[ble].
Yo[r]. Hon[rs]. most humble Servants

Will[m]. Fraser.
Fran: Hastings.

N°. 93

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President^{t}. for Affairs of the R^{t}.
Honble. English East India Comp^{a}.
& Govern^{r}. of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{a}. Councill. Vizagapat^{m}. y^{e}. ℘^{mo}. Octob^{r}. 1703.

Hono^{ble}. &c^{a}.

Sloop Expedition from Bengall touching here for wood & water wch. we immediately supply'd her with, gives us the opportunity of this to acquaint your Hono^{r}. &c^{a}. that we writt you largely of all Affairs on the 22^{d}. Ult^{o}. and of which we would have now send its coppy but that her Short Stay would not ℘mitt it, and we were not willing to detain her one minute the Monsoon comeing on so wth. our humble Service Subscribe

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Honble. &c^{a}.
Your most humble Serv^{ts}.
Simon Holcomb.
Thom^{s}. Stables.
Robt. Cranwell.

N°. 94

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^{t}.
Honble. English East India Company
& Governour of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{a}. Councill.

Hono^{ble}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.

Our last was dated 16th. past. This cheifly Serves to forward a Pacquett for Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. from Vizagapatam wch. M^{r}. Holcomb &c^{a}. advise's us contains matter of Importance.

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We have this day drawn a Bill on Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for Pag^{s}. 350 payable to the Honble. President being for the like vallue paid into y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. Company's Cash by the Cheif here. Wee are

Metchlepatam
6th. Octob^{r}. 1703.

Honbel^{l}. S^{r}. &c^{a}.
Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. most obed^{t}. hum^{ble}. Serv^{ts}.

Steph: Frewen.
Thom^{s}. Faucett.
Jer: Harrison.
Rich^{d}. Harrison.

N°. 95

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^{t}.
Honble. English East India Company
& Governour of Fort S^{t}. George
&c^{a}. Councill. Vizagapatam Sepr. 22^{d}. 1703.

Hono^{ble}. &c^{a}.

Our last to Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. was of the 13th. Ult^{o}. to wch. referr since wch. we have been Hono^{d}. with yours of the 28th. July, & 20th. past the former accompaning your order of Councill for methodizing our Acco^{ts}. wch. we shall duly

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observe & our books shall be Shortly remitted you. Wee sent Capt. Adam's bill of Lading inclosed by the two Lascars he [left behind] him by a Vessell departed from hence in few days after him & gave the necessary advise about it.

We beleive our advices might be detained so long as writt you from Metchlepatam there being a great disunion between Rustundill & the Southern Raja's wch. made y^{e}. ways both troublesome & hazardous.

We shall dispose of y^{e}. Buff Coate as you direct, & of the Goods provided in the Aske Country we have now rec^{d}. 120 Corge & expect the remainder ℘ first opportunity of sea.

As to Rustundill he is not yett come hither but has now passed all the Rivers &c^{a}. in treaty with the Southern Raja's for a reconcilement & accommodation of Affairs so that it is probable we may shortly see him, but advices are daily So various that whether he will come or no, thô he is now so near us is yet uncertain, if he do's we shall treat with him the best we can, and in that respect as we doubt not but to gain your approbation.

The Duan, Muttee Sardeels & Surdars are come of this Side y^{e}. River of Chiccacull in order to meet him and will be here in few day's wch. will cost us Some matters of Presents to them.

We hope y^{e}. News you rec^{d}. from Batavia may by this time be confirmed by the arrivall of Said Shipping with you, wch. we shall be glad to receive advice of.

Your Madrass Rupees were allways 2 ℘ Cent less in Esteem than ours till that time M^{r}. Holcombe went to Chiccacull & obtained y^{e}. Nabobs order for their passing both in y^{e}. Durbar & other places as Currant rupees, and since they are accordingly in all payment rec^{d}. so & therefore being now no difference between Madrass rupees & ours here & both changing att $3\frac{1}{2}$ ℘ Pag. we have according to your Order rec^{d}. into the Company Cash 14000 R^{s}. of Govern^{r}. Pitts (for wch. we have drawn a Bill on you) in order to the encrease of our Investment wch. we desire you to give due Honour to & we shall remember to pack up a proportion of Long cloth & Sallampores brown as you direct & wch. is the Present Needfull from

HON^{BLE}. &C^{A}.
Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

SIMON HOLCOMB.
THO: STABLES.
ROBERT CRANWELL.

N°. 96

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THOMAS PITT ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}.
HON^{BLE}. EAST INDIA COMPANY ON
THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL AND GOVERNOUR
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE & S^{T}. DAVIDS
&C^{A}. COUNCILL.

HONO^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{A}.

Rec^{d}. y^{e}. 18th. Octob^{r}. 1703. ℘ Pattamars.

Our last was dated the 8th. Instant Inclosed we send Your Honour &c^{a}. Coppy of [a] Contract we have this day signed & concluded with our Merchants, Wherein wee have comply'd with Your direction in Augmenting the Number of Ordinary Long Cloth & Sallampores more then in Proportion wee Contracted for Last Yeare, And for the first Payment wee have this day given our Bill upon Your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for Pag^{s}. Tenn Thousand Payable to Audeweraw Chittee, which we Request Your punctuall payment of, if you approve the Contract. Wee have strictly Charged y^{e}. Merchants to bring in good Cloth, which they have promised to doe, and wee hope will perform.

The Ballance of the Rt. Honble. Company's Cash here last month being no more then Pagodas 71. 6. 5 & Poola Chitty offering us Pags. One Thousand Three Hundred wee have accepted thereof to defray the necessary Charges of the Garrison and have given him our Bill upon your Honr. &ca. for the same sume payable to Sunca Ramah, Wee remaine

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Yor most humble Servts.

G. Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd. Mountague.
Richd. Farmer.
Tr: Games.
John Berlu.

No. 97

To the Honoble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the
Honble. Governr. & Compa. of
Merchants of London Trading into
ye. East Indies &ca. Councill att
Fort St. George.

This we send at ye. request of Mahamud Issaka a Considerable Officer of this Town who having made good to ye. Rt. Honble. Company's Cash here the sume of Rupees One Thousand wee have drawn a Bill on you for ye. same summe wch. we desire you will pay out of ye. Rt. Honble. Company's Cash in your Trust to Mahamud Bussett who lives not far of your Citty. Recd. 5th. Novr. 1703.

Wee further request you in the behalf of ye. abovesaid Mahamud Issaka that whereas his Family lives near you which he designs to Transport hither by first conveyance, that if any ship be bound hither from yor. Port they may have liberty to take their Passage on her they paying the usuall rate of Transporta[*sic*]con and that you will order the Commander of such ship to treat them civilly, and if ye. aforesaid Mahamud Bussett shod. have occasion for five hundred Rups. more then the Bill amounts too, or a lesser sume, on his request to You to lend him so much wee desire you will supply him therewith we having taken Security for so much being made good to yo. Rt. Honoble. Compas. Cash here.

Suratt August ye. 6th. 1703

Honoble. Sr. &ca.
Your very Loving Freinds & humble Servants

John Gayer.
Stephen Coach.
E. Bendall.
B. Wyche.

P. S.
If you lend ye. aforesaid Mahamud Bussett any Sume of money wee desire you will take his Bills on Mahamud Issaka for ye. same & send us one of them by first conveyance.

N°. 98

To the Hono^ble^. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^.
Hono^ble^. East India Company On
the Coast of Chormandell, And Governour
of Fort S^t^. George & S^t^. Davids
&c^a^. Councill.

Hono^ble^. S^r^. &c^a^

Yours of y^e^. 2^d^. Instant wee rec^d^. the 5th.

Rec^d^. y^e^. 13th Octob^r^. 1703. ₩ Pattamars

Wee have again perused our Consultations & Letters, and find that Aprill y^e^. 26th. 1701 Mollim wrote a Letter to the Hono^ble^. the President, Offering his service to go up to Dawd Cawn's Camp to accommodate the difference between the English and him Which he beleived could Effect through y^e^. Interest of Abdull Labby for Two Hundred Pag^s^. or thereabouts & by y^e^. Consultation of this Place of y^e^. 22^d^. May following, he was permitted to go it, being Agreeable to y^e^. Orders from Madrass, and then effected the Design he went about, He do's not pretend to have any orders for Augmenting y^e^. Present, But did it thinking it might be of Service to y^e^. Company, & the difference not otherwise accommodated, The occasion of his laying before the Hono^ble^. President this charge, Is our demanding the R^t^. Hono^ble^. Company's Custom for wch. he remains a Considerable Debter.

If y^e^. Generall & Councill of Batavia committ'd an error in directing their Letter, the Deputy Govern^r^. presumes it no fault of his, but ownes it an Error his not sending the Originall.

The order Your Honour &c^a^. was pleased to send us for makeing the ballance of y^e^. Merchants former Account, Part of y^e^. last Contract, Arrived many Day's after it was signed and sealed, about wch. the Merchants make many heavy complaints and alledge that if it had so happen'd that Cloth had been dearer this Year they should have been compelled to comply therewith, the state of their Account comes inclosed, by which it will appeare that after y^e^. Custom & Dustore is deducted, Wee have but a sm[all m]atter exceeded your Orders, the whole amounting [with] Dyeing Beating and other small charges to Ninety one Thousand Nine Hundred & Seaventy three Pag^s^. Ten fanams, and Two Cash, the Ballance of which Account, the Merchants request may be speedily paid them, in order to carry on y^e^. New Investment we Yesterday closed with them for, Persuant to Yo^r^. Hono^r^. &c^a^. Directions y^e^. Heads of wch. are Viz^t^.

First it is agreed that we Contract with y^e^. Merchants for Fifty Thousand Pag^s^. and they to abate 12 ₩ Cent on the Prises of y^e^. last Contract, and y^e^. Cloth to be sorted by the same Madrass musters as last Yeare & y^e^. Species of Goods to be in Propor̃con to y^e^. last Year's Contract.

Secondly, Wee have agreed to pay them Ten Thousand Pagoda's on signing the Contract, Ten Thousand pag^s^. more that day month in Novemb^r^. Tenn thousand Pagodas that day month in December, And y^e^. Remaining Twenty Thousand Pagoda's in February Or Sooner if y^e^. Chambers Friggott arrives, For wch. the Merchants oblige themselves to bring in Ten Thousand pagoda's worth of Cloth in this present month of October, Tenn Thousand pagodas worth in November, Twenty Thousand pagoda's worth in December and y^e^. remaining Ten Thousand Pag^s^. worth in January, But then they expect we punctually comply with the Payments before recited or otherwise they will oblige to bring in Fourty Thousand pag^s^. worth of Cloth by the last of December For y^e^. first payment of wch. we must be forced to give our Bill upon Yo^r^. Hono^r^. &c^a^. y^t^. day the Contract is signed, for time is very short y^e^. Merchants have to provide their Goods, Coppy of the Contract shall be sent Your Hono^r^. &c^a^. as soon as it is signed.

The Deanes Cloth being only brought in for washing we shall take no more Custome then 2½ ℔ Cent as you Direct Wee are

FORT ST. DAVID
OCTOBR. YE. 8TH. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most humble Servts.

G. ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
ED: MOUNTAGUE.
RICHD. FARMER.
TR: GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

P. S.
The Company's Cash is att a Ballance here & we have no money to defray the necessary Charges of the Garrison.

Idem.
G. R.
R. I.

No. 99

TO THE HONOBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESSIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF YE. RT.
HONOBLE. EAST INDIA COMPANY
ON YE. COAST OF CHORMANDELL
AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE &
ST. DAVID &CA. COUNCILL.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

Yours of the ℔mo. Instant with an additional clause of the 3d. wee recd. ye. 7th. Wth. all the Papers mentioned to be enclosed. Recd. ye. 13th Novr. 1703.

The Honoble. the Presidents Letter to Mollim was Yesterday deliver'd him in Consultation & ye. Severll. Questions asked him as directed in ye. Parragraph of Your Honor. &cas. Consultation of Yesterdays Date and according to Your Direction we have enumerated the services he has formerly done to this Place, He do's not pretend to have any Orders for what he expended when at Daw'd Cawns Camp, but alledges that what he then did, was absolutely necessary to accommodate the Difference and (as he thought) for the Intrest of the Rt. Honoble. Company as appears by his Letter to the Honoble. the President to whom & ye. Councill he referrs himself.

We were not wanting to Peruse all ye. clauses in our Letters relateing to the Goods brought in by our Merchants over and above the former Contract to be a part of the last, before we wrote our Letter of ye. 8th. past month; And what wee therein alledged was, yt. the Order for makeing the Ballance of the former Contract to be a Part of the last Contract, did not arrive till it was signed and sealed. Whenever you are pleased to send us any Orders, we think ourselves obliged to answer, that we will comply therewith & accordingly Act as far as we are able, Wee have only laid before Your Honour &ca. the hardship our Merchants express to have recd. and referr'd their Case to Your Consideration, but since you are now pleased to Direct the restateing of their Account, Mr. Haynes the Accomptant has again drawn it out, and therein given them Credit for no more Cloth than what will make the Ballance of their former Account, Amount to no more then One Hundred Thousand Pags. and when you are pleased to approve thereof we shall give them our Bill upon Your Honr. &ca. for the Ballance due to them according to your Direction at six day's sight.

The Merchants were Yesterday called into Consultation & acquainted with Your Honr. &ca. [approval] of our last Contract, and a strict charge given them to bring in good cloth, wch. we will take care to have evenly sorted, as well washed, as possible our Washers can, & now our Press is fixed, as well packed as any on ye. Coast. The Merchants earnestly request Your Honor. &ca. will be pleased to remitt them some money hither for since their time is so short to provide Goods

their receiving it by Bill takes up Ten or fifteen Days before they can have it in their hands, For if they cannot receive it early enough to send into the Country before the French, who are now Treating for a large Investment, they fear it will [*sic*] difficult for them to comply with their Contract by the time Limitted.

Wee are thankfull for Your Honr. &ca. compliance to our last Bills of Eleaven Thousand three Hundred Pags. On the fourteenth of this month [wee] shall be obliged to give our Bill upon Your Honr. [&ca.] for ye. next Payment to ye. Merchants of Tenn Thousand Pagoda's to wch. we request your compliance.

The Honoble. the Presidents advises by Mr. Addisons Sloope arrived here the 28th. Octobr. at night And an answer made thereto the 30th. And since there is a correspondency held between Madrass and Ponticherry, It's plain your Advices must be quicker from thence than we can possibly receive it here, & afterwards transmitt it to You, And it's Evident we have no other News than what they transmitt to Madrass from the news paper yor. Honr. &ca. sent us, which as well as we can Translate it is word for word ye. same of that was sent to the Honoble. President the 30th. of last month, Wee have not being wanting to get what Intelligence from Pondicherry we could but, each Messenger brings so contradictory an Account to the former that no Credit is to be given thereto besides we are very well assured ye. French are so very Secret in all their Affairs that it's impossible to gett any true Intelligence, The Moores ship they took belonged to Augmud Mercan, & is againe released, The French Ships Sailed Satturday last some say they are bound to Bengall others towards Acheen, and some beleive they are only orderd out to sea till the Monsoon is over, but the Certainty of either we can no way's be informed of.

Wee have had indifferent Raines here which keeps Paddy much about it's usuall Price, Mr. Mountague has received Orders to enquire its lowest rate to secure what he can.

Wee are sorry to understand you are like to have fresh troubles about Your Townes, Wee shall give our Peons caution of falling into the Enemy's hand and not be wanting here to keep a very good look out for feare of a surprize But our Garrisons of this Place and Cuddalore are very weakly manned therefore earnestly request Your Honour &ca. will please to send us a Supply.

Mr. Berlu having Occasion to remitt one Hundred and Twenty Pagodas to Madrass, We have given him our Bill upon Your Honour &ca. for Said Summe Payable to Mr. William Deane being for ye. like summ received here into ye. Rt. Honble. Company's Cash, to which we request your due Payment and is the needfull from

FORT ST. DAVID
NOVEMBER YE. 9TH. 1703.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.
Your most humble Servts.
G. ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
ED: MOUNTAGUE.
RI: FARMER.
TR: GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

P. S.

Mollim is Indebted to the Company
fa ca
Account Custom's Pags. 2198. 10. 2

The Exact Price of Paddy here is Twelve pags. ℔ Garse.

Idem

G. R.
J. H.
R. I.
E. M.
TR: G.
J. B.

N°. 100

To Thomas Pitt Esq^R^.
Presid^T^. &c^A^. Councill for Affairs of
the Hono^BLE^. English East India
Compay &c^A^.

S^RS^.

My last was the 27th. Septemb^r^. this accompany's Coppy of 6 Parragraphs of the Letter from S^r^. Nicholas Waite &c^a^. Councill att Suratt dated there the 20th. Ult^mo^. & rec^d^. ℔ me y^e^. 29th. Ditto I need not repeat what you will find at large in s^d^. Parragr^hs^. concerning the great troubles our Countrymen are now brought into I wish our next Shipping may bring y^m^. Some assistance, none of our Europe Ships arrived at Surrat when these Peons come from thence if any arrives here you shall be sure to have an Account thereof ℔ express, the like ffreindship I desire from you will very much oblige. Rec^d^. 15th Nov^br^. 1703.

S^R^.
Your most humble Servant

Metchlepatam
P^MO^. Nov^R^. 1703.

Will^M^. Tillard.

N°. 101

The 8th. Ultimo arrived Nine Ships from Jeddah and Mocho one month sooner then usuall or indeed has of late years been known leaveing 5 others collecting their remains to Sail ten days after them two of which came to this Barr the 30th. Rec^d^. 15th Nov^br^. 1703.

N°. 2. D°. followed by a Pyratt that after two Rounds of great and small shott boarded y^e^. biggest Ship killed and wounded about 60 Men and women which with Religious Men from Mecca Merchants and other Passengers they sent on shoar Carrying s^d^. Ship Southw^d^. off Damon to plunder the other smaller Ship hazarding to come over the Barr, Grounded Yett saved their money and brought it all by Swally to Surrat,

N°. 3. The Governour Imprisoned the Broakers of the four Factoryes keeping them 3 days without water forceing then from each 500 Rupees only for Drink giveing Sentence that the Dutch Broakers pay 3 Lack being s^d^. Ship was taken in their Security, and 3 Lack to be made good by the Old Comp^as^. Broaker, both hearing the Examination of s^d^. Religious Men Merch^ts^. and others declare are apt to beleive more then they heard, the Captn. of s^d^. Pyratt say in Moors & Arab, they belong'd to y^e^. Old Company att Bombay,

N°. 4. Our Broaker was Set at Liberty and some days after the French Broaker but the others unhumanly and cruelly Chawbuckt till they gave bonds to Pay s^d^. Six Lack within Ten days which they Satisfyed,

N°. 5. The Governour upon request of the Merchants desired both our Yatches which wee could not deny directing their going out as well mann'd & fitted as 48 hours notice would admitt in Search of the Pyrat was not well out of this River but had advice of another Mocho Ship 600 Tons 30 Guns and upward of 200 Men taken of or near S^t^. Johns by a Sloop wth. 12 Europeans and 4 Coffrees has Enflamed this Governour that obtained this Government by giveing bond to the Emperour for Secureing the Seas, or the Late Embargue had not been removed from Bengall this 3 Years ordered Strong gards round the Old Comp^as^. & Dutch Factoryes both Shut up,

N°. 6. Wee have not omitted giveing them what Assistance has been in our Power procureing liberty for Provisions going into each ffactory emulateing a very Sincere Mutuall Love as well as wee can answering the end of the United Agreement, and what may be incumbent upon as English Men and Christians,

N°. 7. Since y^e^. 9th. Ins^t^. arrived Six Dutch Ships & a Sloop from Battavia not yett permitted Personall or written Comunication with their ffactory

The above is Coppy of 6 Parragraphs taken out of Sr. Nicholas Waits &cta. Councills Letter dated at Suratt ye. 20th. Sepr. 1703 and sent to the President at Metchlepatam.

JOHN EATON.

No. 102

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT.
HONBLE. EAST INDIA COMPANY ON
THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL & GOVR.
OF FORT ST. GEORGE & ST. DAVID
&CTA. COUNCILL.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

Recd. 19th Novbr. Our last was dated the 9th. Instant, which wee hope You have recd.

The Occasion of this is Cheifly to advise that wee have this day given our Bill upon your Honr. &cta. for Ten Thousand Pagodas payable to Awdeweraw Chittee Account our Joint Stock Merchants it being for ye. Second Payment, Which by our Contract became due to them Yesterday, Of which wee pray your Punctuall Payment, They very earnestly request Us to Sollicite Your Honr. &cta. that for the next payment You will please to remitt them their Money hither, or otherwise it will very much impead this Investment.

Inclosed wee send Your Honr. &cta. a News Paper which came from Ponticherry last night, Which being the needfull with due Respects crave leave to subscribe.

HONOBLE. SR. &CA.

FORT ST. DAVID NOVBR. YE. 15TH. 1703.

Your most humble Servants

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
JOHN HAYNES.
RALPH INGRAM.
EDMD. MOUNTAGUE.
RICHD. FARMER.
TREVOR GAMES.
JOHN BERLU.

Wee cannot engage here above 50 Garse of Paddy.

No. 103

TO THE HONBLE. THOMAS PITT ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
RT. HONBLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPA. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CTA. COUNCILL.

VIZAGAPATAM YE. 28TH. OCTBR. 1703.

HONBLE. & CTA.

Recd .20th Novb . Mr. Stables Sloop being bound to Metchlepatam we Embrace the opportunity to send your Honr. & cta. our Generall Books Letter V and not being honrd. with any from you for some time is what at present Offers from

HONBLE. & CTA.
Your Humble Servants,

SIMON HOLCOMBE.
THO: STABLES.
ROBT. CRA[NWE]LL.

P.S.

Mr. Stables desires your Honr. &cta. leave to come up to the Fort on his perticular Occasions.

S. HOLCOMBE.
T. STABLES.
R. CRANWELL.

N°. 104

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. English East India Compa.
& Govr. of Fort St. George
&cta. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cta.

Yours of the 19th. past wee recd the 3d. Instt. and doe find in your Honr. &cta. Generall Dated 4 October 1700 that you order us not to meddle with Book Percullaes and few or none of Chay Goods since which Contract our Merchants have brought in their full Proportions of Chay Goods Contracted for. Recd. 22d. Novbr.

Wee have acquainted the Maddapollam Merchants wth. what your Honr. &cta. proposes about an Investment there of Ten Thousand Pags. in Course Longcloth & Sallampores for January to wch. inclosed comes their Answer wch. is that they cannot provide Course Longcloth & Sallampores without a proportionable quantity of fine, and if the Chief made any other Proposalls to the President it was a mistake.

Wee shall be sure to dispath [*sic*] the Colchester with the greatest Expedition the Goods wee have for her being Ready in the Godown for sorting, and Embaleing But Gulcondah Betteelas haveing of late been bought near 40 ꝑ Cent Cheaper then the Compas. price, desire yor. Honr. &cta. orders at what Price wee Shall take them with the Chay Goods.

The Vizagapatam Pacquet wee dispatched to them ye. 4th. Instant in the morning wee are,

Metchlepatam
11th. Novbr. 1703.

Honble. Sr. &cta.
Your Honrs. most Obedient humble Servants

Stephen Frewen.
Tho: Faucett.
J. Harrison.
Richd. Harrison.

N°. 105

An Answer from the Maddapollam Merchants.

In yours you desire to Invest 10000 Pagods. worth of Goods to be provided in two months time in ordinary Longcloth and Sallampores [at the] former Prizes, which wee cannot possible [*sic*] doe by reason the Cotton is now Extraordinary dear to what it was formerly wee have talked with the Weavors who say they cannot lett us have goods as formerly, the Dutch Merchants give the Weavors 31 Pags. ꝑ Corge for the Ordinary Longcloth, besides other Charges, You are sensible the Dutch gives that price to the Weavors, only for their Cloth besides other Charges, wee had formerly of you for first Sort of Longcloth Pags. 27, 2d. —25, 3d. — 23, when wee sold them at those prizes, wee lost very much, now the price is for one peice of Longcloth ordinary Pags. 1½ and the Weavors wont give us a peice under, if youl be pleased to give the new Companys Prizes to us, wee can provide Longcloth & Sallampores, but cant provide all ordinary Except, you'l take fine and Course proportionable, if you approve of this wee shall come to Metchlepatam if desired, up in [the] Country all about Rajamandrum and Tottpucker [where] wee used to provide those goods, their [*sic*] is great Troubles by Timraws and other Polligars, you must likewise give us a Paper from under Your hands to clear the Goods if they should be stoped up in the Country, By Timraws or other Polligars, if you approve of this Letter wee shall come and talk with you. Recd 22d. Novbr.

N°. 106

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govern^r^. of Fort S^t^.
George &c^ta^. Councill

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.

Rec^d^. 26th Novemb^r^. Upon fryday y^e^. 22^d^. Curr^t^. it was reported here, that the Dutch had advices of the arrivall of four Pyrats upon this Coast, whereupon the Comand^r^. by a Letter to the Cheif of the Dutch Fort at Quylon desired information of what news they had heard. A Copy of whose answer is Inclosed, by which your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. will see that the Moors Ships of Surat are Plundered.

Seeing how barbarously y^e^. Mogull returns y^e^. Mischeifs his People receives by Pyrats, upon all Europeans, without distinction, wee think it necessary to dispatch this advice with all possible speed, to the end that your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. being advertized of this Accident may prevent at least part of the mischeifs it is likely enough to produce, Wee most respectfully take leave, & Rest.

Anjengo October y^e^. 24th. 1703. Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.
Your most humble & most faithfull Servants

John Brabourn.
Simon Cowse.
W^m^. Kyffin.

N°. 107

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the R^t^.
Honble. East India Company
On the Coast of Chormandell, &
Govr. of Fort S^t^. George, and S^t^.
David &c^ta^. Councill.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.

Rec^d^. 27 Novemb^r^. Wee have rec̃d Your Hon^r^. &c^tas^. of y^e^. 16th. and inclosed a Paper, Containing Severall Paragraphs of S^r^. Nicholas Wait &c^ta^. Councill of Surats Letter to M^r^. Tillard at Metchlepatam adviseing that the Pirats had taken two Ship [*sic*] bound from Juddah and Mocho to Surrat for which the Governour had Extorted from our Masters Broaker and the Dutch Broaker each three Lack of Rupees which perhaps may hinder any trouble reaching these parts, however wee shall peruse Your Hon^r^. &c^tas^. directions in makeing all the necessary preparations for a Seige wee can, and with as little show or noise as possible. But it is impossible for us to lay in any Store of Provisions without money, And what Cash wee have now by us of the R^t^. Honble. Comp^as^. will not defray this Months Wages and Expences therefore earnestly request You will please to Send us Some hither for here is no money to be had for Bills of Exchange, Wee are in great want of Europe men, therefore hope you wont faile to Send us a supply for wee have not Sufficient to take Charge of the Severall Posts [wee] have to maintain.

Wee have given a Strict Charge to our Merch^ts^. to make all the hast they Possibly can to get in their Investment, And also cautioned them to have but little remains in the Country for fear of troubles, We have not as yet taken an Account of what Goods they have brought in, But they assure us in few days more they will have as much Cloth in the Bounds as will Amount to the Summ they have received.

All imaginable means has been used to procure y^e^. quantity of Paddy Your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. wrote for, M^r^. Mountague to whom it was referred has not been able to engage more then about fifty Garse Which Costs us Eleaven and a half Pagodas

ꝑ Garse And is Since risen to fourteen and if wee have no rain this next new moon it will be considerably dearer Which has hindred Paddy being brought in as usuall out of the Country, And as long as the Northerly Monsoon continues wee can have no Supply from the Southward, So that in all probability it will be very Scarce, Wee have sent up to Trivedy & Bonigreepatnam to enquire the price there and to Secure all wee can.

By these Peons wee have sent Your Honr. &cta. Nine & ¾ pounds Weight of steele the Lead wee have remaining in the Garrison is about Fifty Candy, Which wee shall forbear to dispose of till your farther orders.

Few days since the Wooriar of Wooriarpollam sent his Egib hither who was accompanyed by our Watchman Shevall Perrerra, Whome wee have reinstated in his former Employs, Which being the needfull with due respects crave leave to Subscribe

Fort St. David Novembr. ye. 23d. 1703.

Honble. Sr. &cta.
Your most humble Servants

Gabriel Roberts.
John Haynes.
Ralph Ingram.
Edmd. Mountague.
Richd. Farmer.
Trevor Games.
John Berlu.

No. 108

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presidt. for Affairs of the Rt. Honble.
English East India Compa. & Govr.
of Fort St. George &cta. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cta.

Our last to your Honr. &cta. was dated 11th. Inst. Since which have recd Yours dated 4th. Instant Yesterday with the advices of the arrivall of two French Ships at Pollicherry from France, with what news they give out of Affairs in Europe which wee have imparted to Mr. Tillard and dispatched the Vizagapatam Pacquet to them ye. same hour wee recd it by Fresh Peons. Recd. 29th Novembr.

Wee shall take care to supply your Honr. &cta. with as many Boats of ffire-wood as wee can pr[ocure] and alsoe that it is good and large Sticks.

Scarcity of Grain is what People are apprehensive off in these parts because the Raines this Year did not come Seasonable for the planting of Paddy at Present it sells for 10 Rupees ꝑ Candy but if there does not come a good quantity from the Gingerlee Coast, and also Bengall Purgoes with Rice as expected it will growe both dear and Scarce, but if Plenty shall use our Endeavours to freight up the quantity of Grain your Honr. &cta. orders.

Wee shall be sure to advise all Ships & Vessells wch. comes into this Road of the arrivall of the ffrench ships & also caution them not to speak with any Ships at Sea, Wee are

Metchlepatam 18th. Novr. 1703.

Honble. Sr. &cta.
Your Honrs. most Obedient Humble. Servants

Stephen Frewen.
Thomas Faucett.
J. Harrison.
Richd. [Harrison].

N°. 109

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presid^t^. for Affaires of the Honble.
East India Company & Govr.
of Fort S^t^. George &c^ta^. Councill.

S^rs^.,

Recd. 5th Decbr. 1703 ℘ Ship Restoration.

The Enclosed is what wrote ℘ Sloop Ganges, Since wch. none from you nor any news of the arrivall of our Masters Shipping the reason of which wee cannot imagine surely they have not so far altered their former Methods as you mentioned some time since, as not to Send out Shipping with treasure for Investments understanding that Dowd Caun lay wth. an Army before Fort S^t^. George and their other head Factoryes in India were makeing ready to withstand their force that were expected might assault them.

Wee have sent five hundred baggs of Salt Petre on board the Colchester, but the Ship wants so much repairs and fitting the Cap^tn^. advises us he cannot receive on board more goods untill the latter end of the month, The Companyes Petre from Patana not arriveing for the reasons mentioned in our former letter, Wee shall endeavour to procure two Thousand Maund in Hugly in Barter for Coppar in case the New Companyes People doth not supply us with that quantity as promised upon our request to them being very unwilling to part with our Coppar at so low a rate as the Mart goes now in Hugly. The Dutch private Traders haveing disposed of the Jappan Copper at twenty four Rupees, Eight [Annas] [......].

Wee hope to dispatch the Ship by the first of next month and shall order Her to touch at Vizagapatam and Metchlepatam.

Herewith comes Copy of a Letter lately rec̃d from M^r^. Redshaw &c^ta^. in Patana giveing Account of fresh troubles in Surat occasioned by the Pirates takeing the Moors Shipping, pray God wee do not in our parts as well as you, find the Ill Effects thereof.

The Prince Complains that so many Shiping as y^e^. Comp^a^. Sends from hence to Persia they have not brought him some Persia Horses very much desired, understanding that you have store thereof received by the Colchester and Phœnix, desire that you would send us a Couple of Good Horses or what you can spare by the first Conveyance thereby to oblige the Prince [that in] case Sevear Orders should arrive from the Mog[ull] he may be favourable unto us.

Wee are advised there are Severall rich Inhabitants in Fort S^t^. George that being hindered of trade by reason of the Pyrats, wo^d^. willingly put money at Interest into the Comp^as^. Cash in Bengall incouraged by the great rates the Natives receives here haveing occasion for money wee desire you would please to give notice to all Persons that are Inclined to send down Rupees silver or Gold to their Assignes in Bengall wee will receive the Rupees or y^e^. proceed of y^e^. Bullion into y^e^. R^t^. Honble. Comp^as^. Cash & give a Bill of Debt for y^e^. Same, Copy of wch. may be sent to y^e^. Proprietors for Satisfaction Wee are

Fort W^m^. in Bengall
[24th.] November 1703

Honble. S^r^. &c^ta^.
Your most hum^ble^. Servants,

M^r^. Sheldon & M^r^. Russell. *at Hugly.* } John Beard. Jona^n^. White.

N°. 110

PATANA GENERAL TO FORT WILLIAM IN BENGALL.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.

Our last bore date of the 21st. Ultimo adviseing that wee had gott leave to Send away the boats which wee performed after abundance of trouble & Charge, the Pmo. Instant and have been forced to Comply wth. the Governments most unreasonable Extortions, in forceing us to pay the way Charges all here, the good that wee hope to receive thereby is that they will meet with no Stopage in this Subhahs Government for wch. they have given their Dustick and Two Chubdars for Security & agreed to return whatever may be taken by any Jaggedars &cta. Chowkees. Recd. 5th. Decbr. 1703 ℔ Ship Restoration.

Wee have writt Mr. Bugden to make provision for the Clearing ye. boats at Rajamaul which hope may be ℔formed in a Small time That they may arrive with your Honr. &cta. to your Satisfaction & our great hopes, but in case they can't be cleared presently to write to the Vacqueel at Dhacca to procure an Order for their Clearance.

The Dutch have advices of 37 days from Surrat wch. Says that theirs & our factoryes are so blockt up that no provision can possible [*sic*] come in and that they are ready to starve notwithstanding which, they intend to stand [it out] and the news about the Delollo is again confirmed, that they have taken three Lack from each, They have also seized on all the Dutch Sloops & hoisted the Mogulls Collours on them, upon which the Dutch have ordered one Ship to come as high as possible to receive their People who have orders if possible to make there Escape on board wch. Concludes from

PATANA YE. 21ST. NOVEMBR. 1703.

HONBLE. SR. &CTA.
Your most humble Servants

GEORGE REDSHAW.
WILLM. LOYDS.
WILLM. CAWTHORP.

P. S.

SRS.

The Dutch have recd orders to leave this place as Soon as they have accomodated their buisness which they have not Effected notwithstanding they have paid 5 ℔ Cent Custome and that Twice.

Idem.

GEORGE REDSHAW.
WILLIAM LOYDS.
WILLIAM CAWTHORP.

N°. 111

TO THE HONBLE. JOHN BEARD ESQR.
PRESIDT. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE GOVR.
& COMPA. OF MERCHTS. OF LONDON
TRADEING TO YE. EAST INDIES &CTA.
COUNCILL IN CALCUTTA.

SRS.

Yours of the 10th. Instant in reply to ours of the 8th. came to our reception. Recd. 5th Decbr. 1703 ℔ Ship Restoration.

As to M^{r}. Woolston since you will say no more relateing to him wee Shall also be Silent there.

Wee take notice of your passionate temper which runs like a thread through your whole Letter chargeing us with raveing expressions against Presid^{t}. Pit &c^{ta}. Councill at Fort S^{t}. George.

As to our raveing Expressions wee think wee were farr from any such either in Generall or particular Though if every word be wire drawn to the designe of the Reader & not the Intention of the writer heeded black may be lay'd where not deserved.

Wee were to give you some reasons why M^{r}. Woolston declined putting himself into their hands and what wee gave were the Substance of what wee had from him so that the Charge ought to be against him not us, And 'tis some Comfort to us that wee are only charged with raveing expressions & not designs and Actions, like those mentioned in our Letter & yourselves are pleased to justifie by saying (If it was as wee immagine there would be a great deal of reason for our aversion to bring our Selves under the guilt of blood) And that it is as wee imagine wee have the greatest moral assurances Possible (Viz^{t}.) The relation from a Credible Person who was to be active in some and was the object of the other designs, Besides all advices and relations from others, So do think our beleif of the matter is So well grounded that whatever was said in ours was no reflection but a true relation of real matter of Fact, and recording thereof can be no defamation but a true discription to Posterity.

What the United Mannagers may doe in this Case wee are not so well assured off as your selves seem to be possibly they may take no notice thereof at all as perhaps concerning the two Companys apart of [*sic*] if they doe (thô most of them are well acquainted with the Gentleman you mention and are so with others alsoe [...]understand oth[ers that] you seem to doe & finding the relations (which you call reflections) true, cause Satisfaction to be made to the really Injured Person.

Wee think also chargeing us with raveing expressions against your People might well have been spared in regard themselves fall under a farr greater guilt of the Same Nature in their Expressions towards y^{e}. Kings Embassador & Consul & our Comp^{as}. Presid^{t}. which wee forbear to Mention particularly that wee may comply with our Masters orders in burrying oblivion all Animosityes, But they were otherwise expressions then ours and raveing wth. a Wittness, It was far from our thoughts to charge that Presidency with designs of Murther, but the Person demanded of us declareing his Life in hazard & Danger if he goes thither and giving his reasons therefore which seemed pretty [substan]tiall to us as wee transmitted them to you so [they] do cause in us an avertion of haveing any hand in his going thither for fear of the worst, For however you would excuse that Antient Presidency yet wee find it matter of Fact their Heats to be furious that they last beyond they are cooled by the cold grave as in the case of the Hono^{ble}. John Pit Esqr. her Majestyes Consul for those parts (in denying his Corps Burial among his relations Countrymen and fellow Subjects) tis to your own knowledge uncontroulably evident, And their heat may be as furious towards him in regard they may suppose him a Principall witness against them for her Ma[jesty...]matters w^{ch}. [possibly they] may'nt be well able to Answer Wee remain.

Hugly Sept^{br}. y^{e}. 8th. 1703.

S^{rs}.

Your very humble Servants

Edwd. Littleton.
Robt. Hedges.
Jona^{n}. Winder.
Ben: Bowcher.

N°. 112

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Govr. & President and Councill
at Fort S^{t}. George.

Wee take this opportunity to acquaint your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. that on the 20th. of June Ship Chambers ffrigat arrived at this Port, At Mallacca wee found M^{r}. Edwd. Jones left there by M^{r}. Roberts wth. orders to proceed for Amoy and receive three Thousand Tale as M^{r}. Jones then informed us delivered by M^{r}. Roberts to Anqua, at his departure not being able to procure Gold for it, Wee willingly rec̃d him on board and have Entertained him in our ffactory. Rec̃d. 5th. Decbr. 1703 [℔ Ship] Restoration [from B]engall.

Ship Aurengzeb came to us on the 8th. of July she run on Shoar on an Island near Batavia and thereby received such damage that with great difficulty she was kept from foundering in her passage, but by the help of Captn. Souths Carpenters She was firmly repaired.

Upon our arrivall wee immediately used our Utmost Endeavours to make an early Contract in hopes to procure an early dispatch but the great quantity of Cloth and other dead commodityes on each Ship inevitably delayed y^{e}. Compleating of it, till the Twentieth of August when wee found our selves under a necessity of agreeing with Anqua on the termes herewith remitted, haveing till that time [...] with.

By our Contract your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. may perceive that the Aurenzeb was to have been dispatched y^{e}. begining of November, y^{e}. Chambers ffrigat y^{e}. middle of December, but Anqua has been so farr from Complying with us y^{t}. wee have not been able to procure from him sooner than the first of February a Cargoe for the Surat Ship at wch. time she sailed haveing on board her whole Stock & something more.

It is wth. great concern y^{t}. wee are forced to acquaint your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. how little wee have Since been able to get from Ankua for the loading of the Chambers ffrigat who is so far from thinking himself obliged by his Contract y^{t}. he confidently imposes upon us Sorts of Goods y^{t}. he can any where pick up though foreign to our Agreement & wholly improper for our Market.

The Coppar brought by Severall Juncks from Jappan he pretends is not to be bought unless wee w[ill take] all the Earthen & Lackered ware that the Propretors [have brought] from thence with it, which wee are forced to comply with, being sensible wee cannot otherwise be supplyed & that the other Ships upon our refusall would imediately lay hold of it, He pretends to have provided for the Aurengzeb though not Contracted for y^{e}. great quantity of Quicksilver wee have now on board but not comeing down before his departure he forces us to receive it.

We have not yet been able to procure one peice of Gold from him and he begins now impudently to tell us, that it is time enough to talk of that when [by] the Sale of our broad Cloth he is enabled to buy it, Upon [y^{e}.] whole matter wee think it our Duty plainly to acquaint your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. y^{t}. wee have not any hopes of being dispatcht this Season now so near Expireing unless wee will leave behind us to the whole amount of y^{e}. goods [sold] Anqua out of [our] Ships, wch. not dareing [to do], wee conclude wee shall be forced to remain here, Although wee have but too much Reason to fear y^{t}. what wee shall farther get from him will but poorly answer y^{e}. great Charge of the Ships Demourage and the disapointment in not receiveing such part of her Cargoe as wee could now send.

It is very difficult for us, to fix our resolution under so great a misfortune & disappointment, wch. as it could not be forseen or Suspected surprises us without any directions from the R^{t}. Honble. y^{e}. Comp^{a}. for our proceeding, But since wee cannot possibly pursue those methods prescribed in our Orders, Wee shall only deviate where the Interest & advantage of y^{e}. R^{t}. Honble. y^{e}. Comp^{a}. is apparently y^{e}. motive.

Anqua still pretends he has considerable quantityes of Goods comeing from y^e^. North, wee have long given no Credit to his promises, if they do arrive any time this month, Wee resolve y^e^. ship shall sail, if the Governm^t^. will permitt M^r^. Dolben to continue here, But otherwise wee dare not leave so great a part of our Stock in such precarious hands without any person to look after it Wee are

Your Hon^r^. &c^tas^. most humble Servants

JOHN DOLBEN.
THO: FREDERICK.
THO: SOUTH.

N°. 113

TO THE HON^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. AND GOVERN^R^. OF FORT
S^T^. GEORGE &C^TA^. COUNCILL.

Rec^d^. 5th. Decr. 1703 ₰ Ship Restoration. [Via Bengall].

Ship Chambers Frigat touching at Mallacca in her passage to China I returned to this place on her, as order[ed] by M^r^. Roberts, I have [from y^e^. time] of my arrivall to this day used my Utmost Endeavours to procure from Anqua the Debt left in his hands, but cannot obtain any part of it, he still promiseth Paym^t^. yet I do not see any probability that he will keep his word, I am wholly destitute of means to compel him to it, Not being capable of farther Service to the Honble. Comp^a^. in this Place therefore Shall Imbarke on y^e^. Chambers Frigat, & proceed for Madrass, unless I meet orders to the Contrary which shall be readily obeyed by

MARCH Y^E^. 8TH. 170⅔. Your Hon^rs^. most Obedient Humble Servant.

EDM^D^. JONES.

N°. 114

TO THE HON^BLE^. THOMAS PITT ESQ^R^.
PRESID^T^. FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^.
HON^BLE^. EAST INDIA COMP^A^. ON
THE COAST OF CHORMANDELL, AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE
AND S^T^. DAVID &C^TA^. COUNCILL

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^TA^.

Rec^d^. 11th. Decr. 1703 ₰ Pattamar.

Wee have rec̃d yours of y^e^. 30th. past Month by Kittee Narrain on a Country boat, & also y^e^. Eight Thousand Pag^s^. sent us under his Care, Seaven of which shall be delivered the Merchants and the remaining three thous^d^. to compleat the third Payment wee must draw upon Your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. when due, Wee have no

money in Cash, which is the reason wee kept One Thousand Pagodas, Which with what wee can receive for Custome &c^{ta}. Debts standing out wee hope, may be Sufficient to defray this months Expence of the Garrison.

Wee thought our Selves obliged to send Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. w[hat] Papers wee rece[ived ...].

The Paddy wee have bought Shall be sent by the first Conveyance except necessity compells Us to make Use of it here, for wee are not able to procure any more out of the Country and its now risen to Pag^{s}. 15½ ℔ Garse, But the Rain wee have had here this two days may lower its Price and induce People to bring it in from out the Country, when shall buy what more we can get.

Wee are persueing your hon^{r}. &c^{tas}. directions in Salting up Provisions, and laying in what necessary Stores wee can Provide for the use of the Garrison in case wee Should have any troubles wch. may happen so severe & wee may be so closely beseiged as that it will be impossible for us to Send advice to your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. of our necessityes which may detard Your Supplying us with Men, and what mischief the Nabob intends Us will certainly be done at his first comeing, Which with a greater Number of Men wee should endeavour to prevent.

Inclosed wee send your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. a list of what Goods our Merchants have brought in Acco^{t}. our new Investment also a list of what Cloth is in our Bounds belonging to the Madrass Merchants, Wee have Assurances from our Merchants that they will comply with their Contract and bring in their whole Investm^{t}. in January, But to have it timely washed for y^{e}. Feb^{ry}. Shipping will be difficult except you will please to send us a Supply of washers, Which wee are in great want of, and they Shall be returned in two months time, Wee have got what are to be had from Porto Novo &c^{ta}. But those will not be near Sufficient to wash our Cloth in time. By these Peons wee send your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. twelve & ½ p[...]ore of Steele.

For the future wee Shall Observe Your Hon^{r}. &c^{tas}. directions for the Choice of our Watchman, But Shevall Perera haveing enjoyed it many years and wee haveing no reason or orders to displace him was what induced us to continue him in his former Employ But its most certaine he ought to have no dependance upon the Wooriar.

Inclosed wee rec̃d Copy of Com̃adore Brabourne &c^{tas}. Letter to your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. also Copy of the Governour of Quylones Letter to him.

Tuesday last Past by a Peon with Letters for Madrass, he advised us that Anjengo was beseiged but by whose forces or on what Acco^{t}. could not advise Us.

The two Chests of Syrrash wee have rec̃d And hope by the next Conveyance wee shall receive a larger Supply.

We request your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. will [not be] unmindfull of returning to Us the fair and [foul] Consultation Bookes in M^{r}. Frasers time which was sent to your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. for him to Signe, for wee have no other Register here, Wee are

FORT S^{T}. DAVID DECEM^{BR}: Y^{E}. 7TH. 1703.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{TA}.
Your most humble Servants

GABRIEL ROBERTS.
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N°. 115

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
Presid^t^. for Affairs of the R^t^.
Honble. English East India
Comp^a^. & Govern^r^. of
Fort S^t^. George &c^ta^. Councill.

Honble. &c^ta^.

Rec^d^. 16th. Decr. 1703. Wee come now to acknowledge the Hon^r^. of yours of the 19th. Oct^br^. & 4th. Ultimo with the Packets for Bengall which wee immediately dispeded by nimble Begrows, wee remitted our Books Letter V. ending y^e^. 22^d^. July the 28th. Oct^br^. ℔ M^r^. Stables Sloop & hope they are Long ere this safe arrived with you, our Books ending in Aprill are now prepareing and shall Speedily follow.

Wee observe what you write of y^e^. Colchesters being early with us for whom wee hope to have all or most our goods ready, if any are wanting on her arrivall they shall be remitted soon after by one of M^r^. Holcombes Ships designing on no Account to detain her but dispatch her with the greatest Expedition to Metchlepatam as you direct.

Rustundell haveing accomodated all his Affairs to the Southward is now certainly designed speedily for these Parts on his arrivall with us wee hope to treat with him so as to answer yor. Expectation & merit your approbation the greatest Impediment that wee at present conceive will be want of things suitable to present him, which wee intreat your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. to furnish us with on the return of this Ship wch. M^r^. [Holcombe] has ordered to be di[spatched with] the Greatest Expedition haveing nothing in our Godown that may be acceptable to him and should wee go to talk of money (and of which neither wee have none) it would stand us in above twice the Cost his present on his last comeing not standing us in above 450 Pagodas & valued by him at 4000 Rupees there is now a very freindly Correspondence between us, the Cheif haveing sent him a present of a dozen fine Hawks, some Atcheen Oranges & a Nury & he being sett forward wee have sent our Vacqueel to meet him as on last comeing to sound him well and prepare all things necessary for our treatment & to divert if possible his comeing this way for should he come through our Town 'twill be both more troublesome & expensive and our Fortification may Possibly be an eye sore to him and occasion an inte[rven]tion of the well begun Correspondence wch. we [shall] endeavour to Cherrish & Maintain and as occasion offers advice your Hon^r^. &c^ta^. of all things necessary and relateing hereto.

Some of the Mutta Sardeels are already gone to meet him & in their way called on us wee have been and Shall bee as frugall as possible in our presents to them

Wee observe the arrivall of y^e^. French [Ship] at Pollicherry of wch. advice wee Shall make the best use wee can, & wee hope the next advices from you [will] bring us the good tydings of the arrivall of our Shipps wee have rec̃d the Severall papers of news &c^ta^. yor. Hon^r^. &c^ta^. was so kind to send us for which wee return our due thanks makeing the necessary use of them.

We [observe] your apprehention [of a] scarcity of Grain & are sorry wee cannot furnish you as you desire haveing no money by us, being now forced to take up of M^r^. Holcombe 250 Pag^s^. for our months expence for which wee have drawn a Bill payable to his Hon^r^. Pitt wch. wee desire you to comply with, and the Amount of grain you desire would be at least in circa 15 or 16000 Rupees besides had wee money wee could not obtain vessells for Such a quantity on Freight the

Monsoon now being near & the Vessells all took up, and therefore hope you'l easily excuse our noncompliance with your Order, and which is the present needfull from

Honble. &cta.
Your most humble Servants

Simon Holcombe.
Thomas Stables.
Robt. Cranwell.

P. S.

Wee desire your Honr. &cta. to send us some money for our Expences, and if you design us a large investment [to send] us something to begin it, The Natives when ye. [......] Grain is off the Ground wch. will be in about one month & a half being at leasure so yt. tis the only proper Season, and what Amot. you Shall desire for August as far as 50000 Pags. if you now Send us money wee will punctually comply with We are

Yours as above

Simon Holcombe.
Thomas Stables.
Robt. Cranwell.

Honble. &cta. Vizagapm. 10th. Decbr. 1703.

The Preceeding lines Copy of what designed you by ye. Francis but meeting wth. an Accidt. by ye. boat oversetting in going over ye. Barr, now remit its duplicate, Wee also inclose Mr. Owens bond to our Merchts. wch. wee formerly advised your Honr. &cta. of whose amot. wee desire you to write to the Honble. Compa. may be stoppd out of his Salary in England & brought to their Credit Wee remain

Honble. &cta.
Your most humble. Servants

Simon Holcombe.
[Thomas Stables.]
[Robt. Cranwell.]

No. 116

To the Honble. Thomas Pitt Esqr.
President for Affairs of the Rt.
Honble. East India Company On
the Coast of Chormandell And
Governour of Fort St. George
and St. David &cta. Councill.

Honble. Sr. &cta.

Wee recd your Honr. &ctas. of ye. 10th. Instant and accordingly sent for the Severall Persons in Consultation mentioned in your List, and acquainted them wth. your Order for their Satisfying Narra Redee & some of his Inhabitants demands, To which they answered, They [would] endeavour to accomodate it in four or Recd. 20th. Decbr. 1703 ₱ Pattamar.

five days [that if] they do not Perform, they shall be sent up as you have ord^{d}. Wee hope wee have not been so remiss in this business as You have been pleased now to express, Since in Severall of ours wee wrote our proceedings in this Affair, But particularly in ours of y^{e}. 21st. of May last, wee gave your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. a full account what Progress wee had made therein, and at the Same time sent a List of all our Inhabitants concerned in that Bussiness with an Account of their Shares who had paid and who were then una[ble]. In answer to which You were pleased to approve of [what] wee had then done & ordered the money to be remitted your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. when you would oblige Somiah to [dismiss] the Persons that had paid, After which in yours of [... Ultimo] You [also say you] will take care that [he would] give discharges and were pleased to think well of y^{e}. Reasons wee gave of Narra Reddees Solliciteing this bussiness, But in yours of y^{e}. 26th. July, Ordered that the money Should remain in M^{r}. Secretarys hands as wee advised it was since which wee have recovered from some other of the Partners the Severall Summs mentioned as ℔ the Inclosed List, By which you will find that all except Ramah Chittee have paid their Shares which if Somiah thinks not convenient to accept and give his discharge for the Same wee shall send y^{e}. severall persons to you to be concluded by your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. After which wee Suppose Surrapa &c^{ta}. Merchants can't plead hinderance in Narra Reddees Country.

Tis impossible to advise Your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. exactly what Number of Bales wee shall have ready for that will depend upon the dispatch of our Washers which wee are in great want of, But if they make a tollerable dispatch, Wee Shall hope to be able to send you Six hundred Bales by the latter end of January.

The reason of the Generall Books being so farr behind hand is from M^{r}. Hayne's indisposition which Still continues, And our Bookes being now to be stated in a New Method, Wee have no Assistant who is capable of giveing him any help here notwithstanding he is in hopes to have them in a readiness to go home by the February Shipping.

In our last advised your Hon^{r}. &c^{ta}. wee had paid the Merchants Seaven Thousand Pag^{s}. part of the Eight Thousand You were pleased to send us and this [was de]livered them [by] Bill for the [......] Thous^{d}. more to compleat the third Payment, To which wee pray your punctuall compliance, Which being the needfull with due respects crave leave to Subscribe,

FORT S^{T}. DAVID DEC^{BR}. Y^{E}. 16TH. 1703

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}. &C^{TA}.
Your most humble Servants

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